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CUC wants to charge \$60 for complaining

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is petitioning the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission to approve a \$60 charge for technical investigations—typically for meter complaints.

CUC assistant executive director Abe Utu Malae cited two reasons behind the proposal: First, when customers com-

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Rebate, refund checks could be out this July

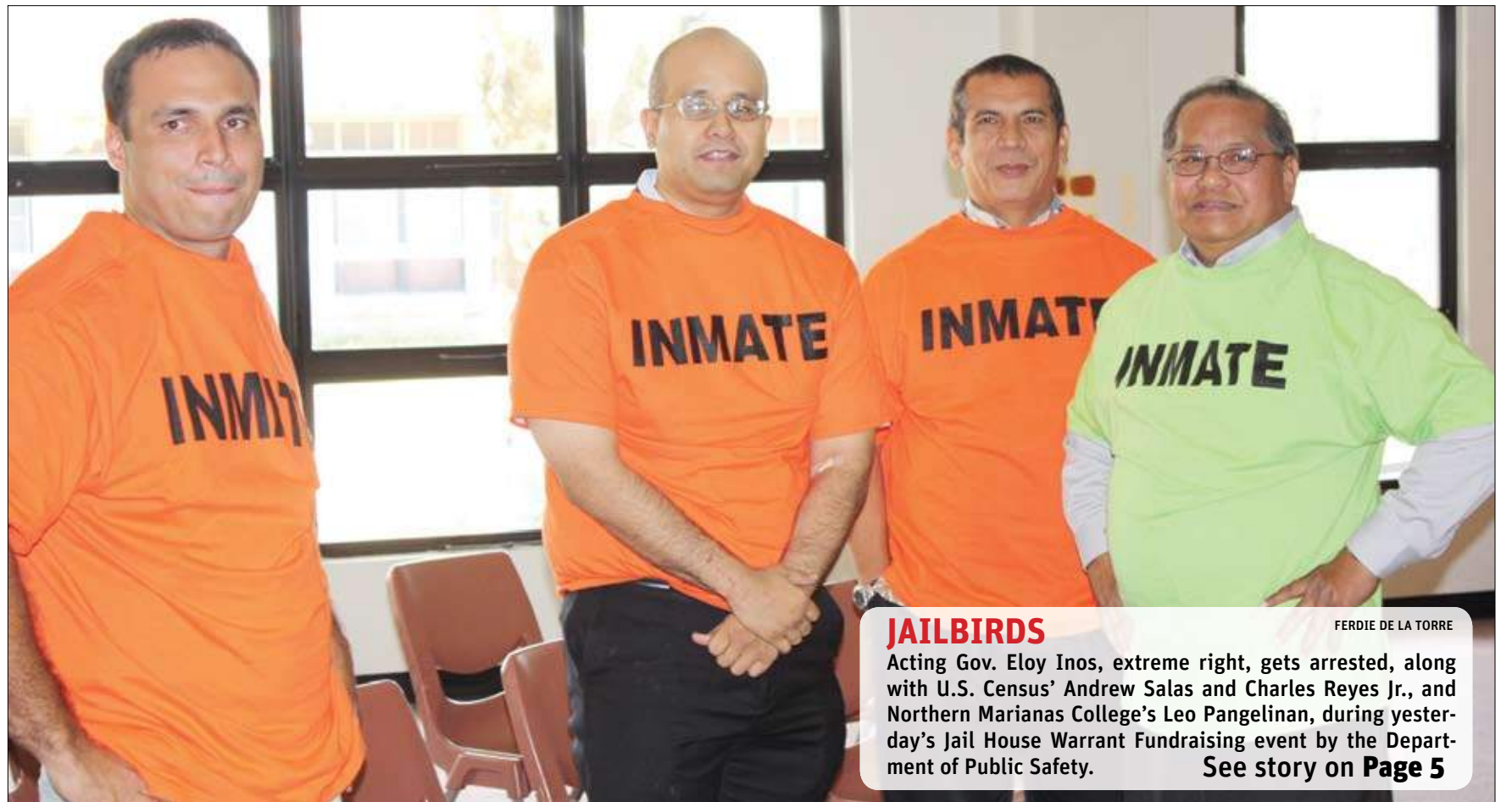
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Amid the bad news comes the good news: 2009 rebate and refund checks may be issued as early as July this year, much earlier than in previous years when taxpayers would receive them in August or September.

Taxpayers are also looking forward to the \$400 federal stimulus checks.

Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday that at least \$8 million is now in the rebate trust account.

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JAILBIRDS

Acting Gov. Eloy Inos, extreme right, gets arrested, along with U.S. Census' Andrew Salas and Charles Reyes Jr., and Northern Marianas College's Leo Pangelinan, during yesterday's Jail House Warrant Fundraising event by the Department of Public Safety.

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Report: \$108K spent for inauguration; \$7,000 in lawmakers' money transfers

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The government spent at least \$108,000

in inaugural ceremonies in January, and at least \$7,000 in lawmakers' discretionary funds changed hands in the first three months of calendar year 2010 based on

the latest report on reprogrammed government funds.

The report, prepared by special assistant for management and budget Virginia

C. Villagomez, shows that \$75,500 was transferred from the attorney general's external legal fees account to the inaugu-

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'It's been a challenging and rewarding experience'

» Inos speaks about his first year as appointed, then as elected Lt. governor

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Being the first and only appointed lieutenant governor in CNMI history and later being elected into office has been a "challenging" and "a very rewarding" experience for Eloy S. Inos, who is acting governor while Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is off-island.

Inos, who marks his first anniversary in office this month, said he only wishes the economy is in better shape today.

"It's been a very rewarding

experience. I kind of like the challenge. ...I wish we had an economic activity to support a more vibrant economy," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

But Inos, who will turn 61 on Sept. 26, said the Fitial administration will continue to work with the Legislature "to come up with sound policies" to help the people and the economy.

Fitial appointed Inos on April 27, 2009. The Senate confirmed him on May 1, 2009, and in less than an hour, was sworn into office.

When Fitial sought re-election in 2009, he ran with Inos. They made history as a team and as individuals.

Inos, a former Finance secretary, said his daily schedule also changed when he became lieutenant governor. From eight hours a day, his work schedule became 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Before becoming a lieutenant governor, I kind of just had everything under my own wings. ... I now have a 24/7 job, especially when the governor is not around, but even if he is around," he said.

One of the things he misses

most about his former job as Finance secretary is "working with numbers." He still works with numbers but at a "much higher level." He said as Finance secretary, he was "really involved with the numbers down to the last details."

"But one thing I like about my job right now is that I've got the resources of the government, like I can call on the attorney general right away for legal advice, I got my legal counsel and I got staff to help me out, and that makes a difference from what I used to do. I basically had to carry out everything to a point," he added.

ing those times."

Inos, who is originally from Rota and one of Fitial's trusted friends, is a graduate of Mount Carmel High School in 1967.

His first entry to politics was in 1990, when he was elected member and chairman of the First Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council until 1992. Since then, he had worked in the private sector and served in economic task forces and committees.

Inos said he came from a poor family but he and his sibling persevered and went on to become leaders in the CNMI.

Man gets one year for disobeying court order

Superior Court associate judge Perry Inos has imposed a one-year prison term on a man who repeatedly violated a court order barring him from any contact with his victim in a domestic violence case.

Inos sentenced Jesus R. Jones to three years in prison, all suspended except for one year, for three counts of violating an order of protection.

Inos gave Jones credit for the time he has already served in jail. Jones, who has been in jail for 255 days, is expected to complete his prison term on Aug. 30, 2010.

After serving his sentence, Jones will be placed on three years of probation.

The judge ordered him to pay

a \$300 fine, \$25 court assessment fee plus probation fee.

Inos referred Jones to Community Guidance Center for anger management and alcohol counseling and to write a letter of apology to the victim.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Jones with three counts of criminal contempt, three counts of violating an order of protection, and one count of stalking in the first degree.

Jones signed a plea agreement and pleaded guilty to three counts of violating an order of protection.

According to the plea agreement, Jones went to the home of the victim on Aug. 16 and 19, 2009, and on Sept. 3, 2009 in violation of a court order that ordered him to stay away from the victim's residence.

In March 2009, police arrested Jones for allegedly beating up his wife after she refused to have sex with him. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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15 teams join tonight's Marianas March Against Cancer

Hundreds are expected to take part in the 2010 Marianas March Against Cancer tonight, with 15 teams already confirming their participation in the activity at the Hopwood Junior High School field in Chalan Piao.

The 2010 MMAC will start at 6pm tonight and continues through dawn Saturday. It will be highlighted by the medallion presentation to cancer survivors, the traditional luminary ceremony, the best baton competition, raffle drawings, and a lineup of entertainment and events.

The opening will be graced by Bishop Thomas Camacho and Saipan Mayor Donald Flores.

Teams will also compete for special awards: best baton, best tent, most spirited team, most

laps, most luminaries, and the top four teams that will raise the highest amount for the event.

The Marianas March Against Cancer is the largest fundraising activity in the CNMI for cancer programs. The event gives everyone an opportunity to celebrate cancer survivors, to remember those who have lost the fight, and to raise money and awareness for all those affected by the disease.

The annual event is the signature fundraising event of the Commonwealth Cancer Association, a volunteer-driven organization that ensures all funds raised in this event are spent locally to fight the battle against cancer through patient/survivor assistance, outreach and advocacy, and prevention support programs. *(Moneth Deposa)*

Equalized rate for unmetered customers could prevent water rate increases—GCG

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There's no need for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to implement an across-the-board water rate adjustment because its financial problem could be addressed by equalizing the prices for metered and unmetered customers for both residential and commercial users.

This was what Georgetown Consulting Group Inc., consultants for the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, disclosed in its report to the commission on May 5.

At present, the price per 1,000 gallons for unmetered water is half that of metered water. Additionally, CUC assumes that residential and commercial unmetered customers use 40 percent less water than the average residential and commercial customer.

"We recommend that for the residential and commercial unmetered customers, the assumed volume of use should be moved to 90 percent of the current average usage for the class," the consultants said in its report, adding that this is "reasonable and appropriate."

The consultants recommended that the current \$20.10 residential flat rate be adjusted to \$40, while the \$47.79 being charged commercial flat rate users be raised to \$204.

While these increases are large, Georgetown pointed out that unmetered customers still get a discount compared to the average metered residential and commercial customers.

Metered residential consumers pay \$48.84 on average, while flat rate users will pay \$40. Metered commercial cus-

tomers currently pay \$225.90, which is still higher than the proposed \$204 for unmetered commercial users.

Although unmetered customers will see a significant increase in their bills, Georgetown said these water users will just be paying the equivalent rate as their metered counterparts—which cannot be considered a rate hike for unmetered customers.

Eliminating this unjustified discount, Georgetown said, will result in all ratepayers within a class being treated equitably.

CUC had requested a 9-percent increase in its water rates beginning June 1 this year. It also asked for a 200-percent increase in wastewater rates, also effective on June 1. CUC revised this proposal last month, now asking an increase of just 3 percent in water rates and a 95-percent increase for wastewater. It also wants to increase its wastewater rates by another 35 percent in October 2010.

'Sufficient revenues'

Georgetown said the initial rate hike CUC implemented in March 2009 for water customers has provided sufficient revenue for the Water Division such that no further increases will be required for the next couple of years.

It also projected significant positive cash flow for CUC if it addresses its water meter problems.

Presently, an estimated 3,000 to 4,500 residential customers are classified as unmetered because of meter failures, resulting in a significant loss for CUC.

"Working meters are the 'cash registers' of CUC's billing system and it cannot afford to have this high a percentage of nonworking meters. Finding an

appropriate solution to this issue should be highest priority for CUC," the consultants said.

CUC projects an annual revenue of \$375,000 if a 3-percent across-the-board rate increase for water customers is approved. Georgetown described this amount as an "insignificant amount of revenue."

It said it is more important to get all water customers metered as soon as possible. Besides the revenue boost, doing so will also reduce the number of potential complaints and arguments over the level of usage, Georgetown said.

It recommended that CUC use a portion of the \$11 million in federal grants it received this fiscal year to install the needed water meters.

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Release of \$9K for repair of NMC-Rota vehicle probed

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A vehicle owned by the Northern Marianas College that has been in a repair shop for two years now is the subject of an ongoing Office of the Public Auditor investigation after the college allegedly paid about \$9,000 to have the vehicle fixed, yet no work has been done on the car to date.

Saipan Tribune learned that a 4H van assigned to Rota's NMC-CREES

program was placed in a repair shop on Rota two years ago and that the \$9,000 used to pay for the repair work was released in Fiscal Year 2008 by the program director.

Saipan Tribune learned that concerned college employees sought the assistance of the OPA to look into the matter and an OPA investigator had questioned some Rota staffers about this issue a few weeks ago.

Public Auditor Mike Pai refused to comment on the matter. "It is OPA's

policy to not comment on the status of investigative engagements," Pai told *Saipan Tribune* in an e-mail.

During a budget hearing at the House of Representatives some weeks ago, Rep. Ralph Demapan, chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, told NMC officials and Board of Regents members about a "serious concern" raised to the committee relating to a transaction made by NMC-CREES in 2008. He did not elaborate but reiterated his

desire to inquire and investigate this "serious concern."

Demapan did not answer his phone when sought for comments several times yesterday.

NMC-CREES director Ross Manglona, during the NMC Charter Day celebration, told *Saipan Tribune* he's not aware of any "issue" relating to the NMC-CREES program on Rota.

Board of Regents chair Janet Han King also refused to comment yesterday, saying the House committee has

made no formal inquiries with the college and the board.

If the committee sends a notice, King said the board will let the NMC management handle it as it is an administrative issue.

"There was a mention [by the committee] about an oversight [on the issue]...but we have yet to see anything. Therefore, I cannot make a comment," King said yesterday, adding that she is not aware of anything about the matter.

Monitoring system to track 2 NMI volcanoes

By **TERI WEAVER**
STARS AND STRIPES (PACIFIC EDITION)

TOKYO—Scientists knew in January that Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull was waking up.

That's because the volcano—which shut down most air travel in and out of Europe for five days last month—is monitored in real time with equipment on the ground, according to James Quick, a professor of earth sciences at Southern Methodist University.

But not all volcanoes—including those in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands—have real-time monitoring systems, said Quick, whose former job at the U.S. Geological Survey involved watching the United States' 169 active volcanoes.

Instead, scientists and aviation officials rely on satellites, pilots and the volcanoes' neighbors for alerts of eruptions, Quick said.

Now, a \$250,000 grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will put two solar-powered digital seismometers on Anatahan and Sarigan, two active volcanoes in the Northern Mariana island chain. The systems should be fully operational by November, Quick said. To date, there is no money for maintaining the systems.

"When a volcano erupts, it can go many hours before satellites catch it," Quick said during a phone interview earlier this month. "It will give us situational awareness for people in the neighborhood."

Those in the neighborhood include Andersen Air Force Base, Guam Naval Base, the Guam Air National Guard and Guam International Airport, which handles 25,000 commercial flights a year.

The two Marianas volcanoes were selected because they also sit in a flight corridor between Australia and

New Zealand. Winds could take an ash plume south, toward Guam and Saipan, and even toward the Philippines.

Quick said the project is not affiliated with the military.

Anatahan, the most active volcano in the chain, has erupted several times in recent years, including an eruption in 2003 that went for five hours before anyone knew about it, Quick said. The ash rose to more than 30,000 feet within 15 minutes of that eruption.

In 2005, another eruption closed Saipan's airport for four days, according to Quick.

Andersen spokesman Tech. Sgt. Michael Andriacco said the base historian could not find any record of recent eruptions affecting operations on the air base in Guam. In case of an eruption, the largest immediate impact would be moving or rescheduling military training on islands throughout the Marianas chain, he said.

NAVFAC Pacific awards largest contract in command's history

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii—Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific awarded a \$4 billion maximum capacity, indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity design-build multiple award construction contract yesterday to seven companies for construction projects at sites in Guam and other areas in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific area of responsibility.

It's the largest contract ever awarded by NAVFAC Pacific.

The seven companies are:

- CNMS, a joint venture, Honolulu, Hawaii;
- Core Tech-AMEC-SKEC LLC, Honolulu, Hawaii;
- dck-ecc pacific guam llc, Clairton, Pa.;
- Guam MACC Builders JV, Honolulu, Hawaii;
- Hensel Phelps-Granite-Traylor Pacific JV, Greeley, Colo.;
- Kiewit-Mortenson Joint Venture, Kapolei, Hawaii; and
- Tutor Perini Corporation, Sylmar, Calif.

"This is certainly a major milestone," said NAVFAC Pacific Vice

Commander Capt. Paul Fuligni. "We are very pleased to announce this contract award in support of the Guam military relocation.

"We now have in place a large contract vehicle that we can use immediately for construction projects in Guam and elsewhere unrelated to the relocation. More importantly, this contract will be available to award construction task orders for the military relocation after the Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision is signed," he added.

The MACC awarded yesterday is for a base period of 12 months and includes four one-year option periods. Options are for time only and do not adjust the maximum contract amount. All work under the MACC will be initiated by task orders that are competed among the seven companies.

Projects will require incorporation of sustainable features such as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design building standards. Work will include new construction, renovation, and additions or upgrades to a variety of facility types, including but

not limited to, barracks, dormitories, administrative facilities, communication facilities, educational facilities, medical facilities, dining facilities, recreational facilities, retail facilities, industrial facilities, warehouse facilities, ranges, operational training facilities, roads, streets, bridges, site utilities, infrastructure, waterfront-marine facilities, piers, wharves, dredging, aviation facilities, including hangars, runways and aprons, and other base development facilities.

"This is a remarkable contract tool, which establishes strong partnerships between the Navy and the successful offerors," said NAVFAC Marianas Commanding Officer Capt. Peter Lynch. "We are especially pleased that we will be enhancing existing partnerships with several Guam-based businesses participating in this contract award.

"There are many construction projects planned for Guam, and this critical acquisition tool is exactly what we need to allow us the agility to respond to emergent requirements by leveraging the expertise and talent of private sector professionals," he added. (*NAVFAC*)

cline in the nonresident population.

Inos, a former Finance secretary, said the CNMI government always has a fund reserved for the rebates "because rebate money belongs to taxpayers."

Lilia E. George, 54, said that while she doesn't expect a rebate check from the CNMI government, she's looking forward to the \$400 federal stimulus check.

"I will deposit half of the stimulus check in the bank, and remit the other half to families," she said.

Week activities.

Last year, the government mailed the checks in June.

Inos said the Department of Finance had more personnel working on the processing of rebate and refund checks last year than this year, and this will be one of the factors why the release may be pushed back by a few weeks.

The amount of rebates and refunds is also expected to be less this year, with the decline in the economy and the de-

CUC

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plain that their meters are not working right, CUC incurs investigation costs such as when sending technicians out to the customer's premises. Second, a fee would separate valid complaints from illegitimate ones.

"We believe that many of these demands are spurious, intended to put off paying legitimate bills. Our regulations allow a customer to put off paying a contested bill while the matter is under investigation. So a customer seeking, in effect, a free loan from CUC need only protest the meter's performance and free himself from payment for the time it takes to complete the investigation," Malae said.

Because of CUC's limited staff, these unnecessary complaints delay the work of the agency's staff.

Malae emphasized, however, that the proposed \$60 fee will only be assessed if CUC's investigation determines that there was no problem. If the case turns out to be a technical problem, CUC will absorb the cost.

MONEY

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ral activities of Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos in January.

The administration earlier said it was able to raise some \$80,000 for the inauguration, on top of the amount raised from the inaugural golf tournament. When Fitial was first elected to office in 2005, his inauguration ceremonies at the time were budgeted at \$200,000.

The government also reprogrammed \$7,500 each for the inaugural activities of the Saipan, Rota and Tinian mayors, totaling \$22,500.

The Senate and House inaugural activities were budgeted \$5,000 each, totaling \$10,000.

At least 14 of 29 members of the 17th Legislature also transferred or shared with their colleagues at least \$7,000 in discretionary funds between January and March.

Most of these transfers of lawmakers' funds were due to shared expenses for legislative staffers. For example, two or three lawmakers would have one common staffer for limited time to be able to save on resources and share expertise.

Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) transferred \$562.26 to the office of Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), Rep. Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), and Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan).

Cabrera said the amount transferred to his office account on two separate occasions, totaling \$319.52, was for

"That is fair," he said, adding that CUC will advise customers about the fee and its terms when customers file a complaint.

CUC executive director Tony Muña earlier disclosed that there are over 2,000 outstanding bill protests at the agency. Many of these customers, he said, have refused to pay their bills.

Muña considers this among the substantial challenges facing CUC.

Other challenges

CUC also considers its vehicle fleet a systemwide problem for many years now. *Saipan Tribune* learned that six of the agency's vehicles are in bad shape and are dangerous to operate.

"Inoperative or poorly operative vehicles also affect costs, sometimes requiring our workers to wait for needed people and material to get a job done," Malae said, adding that this problem was inherited by the management from years of neglect by previous administrations.

"We must have serviceable vehicles to move workers to and from job sites, to deal with customer complaints, and particularly, to fix electric distribution problems quickly," he said.

Torres' share of payment to Cabrera's staffer who helped the senator with his office projects. Torres also shared \$83.32 with Deleon Guerrero and \$159.76.

House Floor Leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan) transferred \$2,307.72 to Rep. Frederick Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan). Later on, Deleon Guerrero transferred \$300 to Camacho's account.

House Minority Leader Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan) transferred \$870 to the account of Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan).

Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) moved \$200 to the account of Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan). Yumul said the amount was for a sponsorship request.

Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan) transferred \$300 to Rep. Frederick Deleon Guerrero. Iguel said he and Deleon Guerrero also share personnel payment for a staffer. He said the agreement will only be until September 2010.

Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan) also transferred \$3,000 to Rep. Stanley Torres' (Ind-Saipan) account.

Rep. Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) also transferred \$100 to the account of Rep. Raymond Palacios (Cov-Saipan).

Lawmakers and government agencies are required by law to report reprogramming of funds every quarter.

The quarterly discretionary fund allotment is separate from each lawmaker's monthly salary and from the committee chairmanship budget.

CHECKS

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"It's a matter of processing right now. We're ready to write the checks. We're targeting June. But to be safe, [the release will] probably be in July," Inos told *Saipan Tribune* right after participating in the Department of Public Safety's jailhouse warrant fundraising at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe as part of Police

Dolores Aldan says Tinian cop lied about missing gun

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Dolores Aldan, Gov. Benigno Fitial's special assistant for political affairs, testified yesterday that a Tinian police officer lied in his testimony regarding the

missing handgun of her husband, Vicente T. Aldan.

As this developed, Superior Court associate judge David Wiseman ordered assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher yesterday to get the logs in order to determine who transported

Aldan back and forth from the Tinian port to the Department of Public Safety on Tinian on the two dates in question.

Joaquin Torres, counsel for Vicente Aldan, called Mrs. Aldan to the witness stand at the hearing to determine whether

the defendant should be held in contempt for not surrendering the handgun as the court had ordered on Nov. 3, 2009.

When asked about a police officer's testimony that Aldan did not search for the gun when they went to Tinian in November 2009, Mrs. Aldan replied, "I believe the officer was not telling the truth."

Mrs. Aldan said the officer's testimony that her husband did not look for the gun outside the house of his former wife is not true.

Mrs. Aldan said at the time when she was the Department of Corrections commissioner, her husband asked her to go with him to Tinian to recover the gun as part of the plea agreement.

Before going to Tinian, Mrs.

Aldan said she called Tinian DPS and requested for an escort upon their arrival. She said when they arrived on Tinian, she and her husband drove to Tinian DPS. Mrs. Aldan said two police officers escorted them to the property where Aldan stated he hid the handgun in a container.

When her husband could not find the gun in the premises, the police sergeant said that they should leave.

Aldan told the court that when he signed the plea agreement and agreed to surrender the gun, he believed at the time that the Tinian police had the gun in their armory. He said he doesn't know why the police changed their statement, since they had told him that they have the gun.

"I thought they put the gun in

the armory on Tinian," he said.

Aldan said that when the fight happened with his then wife, he was scared so he hid the gun in a container under a tree.

Torres said they believe the gun is in the possession of police officers—a claim that Gallagher denied.

Aldan earlier testified that he does not know the whereabouts of the gun and implicated two police officers who may be aware about it.

Aldan, 52, pleaded guilty to assaulting his ex-wife in July 2009 on Tinian. He was sentenced to six months in prison without parole. As part of the plea deal, he was supposed to surrender the gun he used to assault his ex-wife. He has failed to do so.

Inos, govt officials, personalities 'arrested'

Acting Gov. Eloy Inos was among the many government officials and prominent community members arrested by police yesterday as part of the Police Week celebration.

Police served the Jail House warrant on Inos at the Governor's Office on Capital Hill at 11:20am. A police car later brought Inos and another 'detainee,' Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio, to the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

The smiling Inos was booked and made to wear a detainee's shirt. He then joined other detainees at the detention center.

After a few minutes, Inos was brought before Judge E-Loise, played by Inos' daughter, Kay.

The judge informed Inos

that he was facing charges of working over 40 hours per week, having an expired driver's license, expired vehicle registration, and no car insurance.

Judge E-Loise said the bail is \$100 cash.



Inos

"I am indigent," Inos replied, drawing laughter from police officers and other government officials at the Multi-Purpose Center. "I deny the charges! I will appeal!" Inos added.

Inos' legal counsel

arrived and posted \$100 cash for the acting governor's release.

Public Safety Awareness Month coordinator Sgt. James C. Deleon Guerrero said this is the first time they held the Jail House Warrant Fundraising event.

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Motorcade organizers urge attorneys to show support

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REPORTER

After obtaining the support of many businesses, organizers of the planned motorcade this Sunday want more lawyers and officials of federal agencies to join the event and support the U.S. Department of Interior's recommendations for improved immigration status for long-term guest workers in the CNMI.

United Workers Movement-NMI president Rabby Syed told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that they are very happy with the outpouring of support extended by businesses that provided in-kind contributions such as bottled water, papers, paints, and plywood for banners.

Syed, however, said they expect more lawyers to participate as their voice is very important in the community.

"Their [attorneys] participation is very important in this event," said Syed, adding that he is inviting Bar Association president and immigration law-

yer Maya Kara to attend.

Attorneys Jane Mack and Stephen Woodruff will be leading the motorcade with former lawmaker Tina Sablan, Sr. Stella Mangona and other organizers.

Other lawyers who have been seen frequently attending workers' activities include Joe Hill, Mark Hanson, Joseph Horey, and James Benedetto.

Some organizers said lawyers should take a stand as most of their paralegals, staff, and even baby-sitters, are long-term alien workers.

Syed said he is also requesting officials of federal agencies, including those from the Department of Homeland Security, to come so they will be able to see for themselves the plight of long-term workers.

Syed said he is very thankful that GMA7, one of the two leading TV stations in the Philippines, will cover the event through its correspondent. The Associated Press will also likely pick up the event through its Saipan contributor.

Syed said they have already informed international media such as CNN News and BBC News about the motorcade and they are just awaiting word from these groups.

Organizers believe that thousands of workers will participate in Sunday's motorcade.

Syed urged participants to show respect to other people who have opposing views by not blowing their horns loudly and not saying harsh words that can hurt feelings.

"We work together, we live together for the development and success of the CNMI," he said.

The motorcade will start at 2pm from Kilili Beach to the American Memorial Park. All participants are asked to wear white. They are also encouraged to bring signs and banners showing their support for improved immigration status.

Organizers said the purpose of the "Unity Movement Motorcade and Assembly" is to show support for Interior's recommendations and to urge the U.S. Congress to act quickly on those recommendations. Human rights advocate Wendy Doromal has described the motorcade as the "last leg of [the alien workers'] journey for justice and reform."

Organizers said the program will include inspirational messages, cultural entertainment, and the launching of several petitions that will showcase community-wide support for long-term guest workers, including support of local businesses, faith-based organizations, and residents across the CNMI, including Tinian and Rota.

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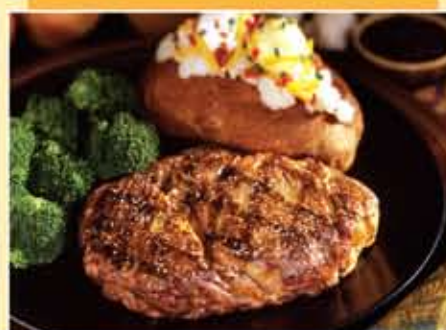
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REPORTER

Mount Carmel High School student Nakita P. Cabrera has earned a slot in the prestigious National Society of High School Scholars.

Claes Nobel, founder and chairman of the national organization, announced the local student's inclusion to the prestigious group of scholars.

"On behalf of the NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and com-

mitment that Nakita P. Cabrera has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Nobel, adding that the local student is now a member of a unique community of scholars—a community that represents the



Cabrera

very best hope for the future."

Nobel said the society recognizes top scholars and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence.

According to society president James Lewis, it is the vision of the group to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities.

"We aim to help students like Nakita build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community," Lewis added.

Membership in the national society entitled qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, and publicity honors.

Formed in 2002, the society recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and encourages members of the organization to apply their unique talents, vision, and potential for the betterment of themselves and the world.

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Kimchi has a reputation of being a healthy food. The US magazine Health named Kimchi in its list of top five "World's Healthiest Foods" for being rich in vitamins, aiding digestion, and even possibly retarding cancer growth. However, some research focused on high-sodium dietary dependence has found overconsumption of Kimchi and soybean paste to be a risk factor in gastric cancer (most likely due to nitrates and salt) while unfermented alliums and unfermented seafood were found to be protective factors.

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May 14, 1999

BOE suspends PSS education leave

The Board of Education yesterday approved the suspension of training and education leave privileges in the Public School System until such time that the local financial condition improves. Although an earlier memorandum was sent out by Commissioner of Education Rita H. Inos informing all PSS staff that request for both leaves will not be approved, the advise needed the official concurrence from the board. The suspension, however, will apply to recent requests and will not affect the employees who have been in the education leave status as of last year. The PSS Human Resources Office has only listed less than 10 individuals who are on sabbatical leave to complete their B.A. in education.

Hosting illegal aliens puts pressure on local coffers

The increasing cost of providing temporary shelter to some 500 illegal Chinese immigrants on Tinian continues to drain local resources as their fate remains uncertain nearly a month after the first boatload arrived on the island. Likewise, a scheduled repatriation of the first batch of undocumented aliens has been called off at the last minute on the heels of heightening tension between the United States and China as a result of the air strike in Yugoslavia. According to a source, Chinese officials have refused to cooperate with US authorities on the plan to send home about 141 of the illegals staying at the Northfield military base on Tinian.

May 14, 2001

Youth corrections to open ahead of time

Prison Task Force Chair Heinz Hofschneider disclosed Friday that the \$5.2 million youth detention facility is anticipated to officially open on December, two months earlier than the original date of completion. Mr. Hofschneider appraised that the multi-million juvenile correction will be completed ahead of the original schedule of February 2002 as construction works by AIC Marianas Inc. continue unabated. Some parts of the juvenile facility only need final touches and the laying off floor materials to completely seal it as finished, Mr. Hofschneider told reporters in an interview.

Ninth Circuit upholds SC decision defending residents' voting rights

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld a Supreme Court judgment faulting individual members of the Board of Elections for acting against the voting rights of several Rota-based constituents during the November 1995 polls. The CNMI Supreme Court previously entered a judgment holding individual BOE members liable for administering pre-election day voter challenge procedures in violation of US laws. This decision reversed a Superior Court judgment that favored board members Vicente A. Atalig, George O. Hocog, James M. Mendiola, Miguel M. Sablan, Juan M. San Nicolas, Maria B. Diaz and Joaquin O. Taitano based on ground of qualified immunity.

May 14, 2002

CPA to collect \$300K from new seaport fees

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is projecting \$300,000 in additional revenue from the implementation of the new seaport terminal tariffs beginning last month. CPA officials said the additional revenue would help the agency weather the consistent decline in seaport activities, allowing the ports authority to defray rising operational costs. The new seaport fees would also help the CPA's seaport division meet its bond obligations, according to Board Chair Roman S. Palacios, who also mentioned that the agency has been on the lookout for ways to increase its earnings without straining the revenue-generating capabilities of its tenants and customers.

PSS working on single audits

Contrary to an earlier belief, the Public School System has not been that delinquent in the submission of its yearly organization-wide audit under the Single Audit Act, as otherwise raised by the federal government. PSS Director of Finance Richard Waldo clarified yesterday that concerns raised by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of the Chief Financial Officer regarding four consecutive years of PSS' alleged failure to submit single audit reports are "not as bad as indicated." In fact, Waldo has already corresponded with Financial Improvement and Post Audit Operations Director Philip A. Maestri recently to iron out the misunderstanding.



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Kilili's submerged lands bill moves forward in US Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The first bill ever introduced by a Northern Mariana Islands member of Congress has moved one step closer to becoming law.

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee has approved H.R. 934, which conveys the submerged lands around each of the Northern Marianas back to the people of the islands. The committee approved the bill without amendment; it is now ready for action by the full Senate. The House of Representatives unanimously passed the bill in July 2009.

"I am very glad to see our submerged lands bill moving forward," said U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP). "The

regular order in Congress is for a House bill to have a hearing, then a committee mark-up or approval, then a vote by the full House, and then transmittal to the Senate for another hearing, another mark-up, and another vote before sending the bill to the President. So our submerged lands bill has one more step before it heads to the White House."

Sablan lauded committee chair Jeff Bingaman and ranking member Lisa Murkowski for the support of the bill.

H.R. 934 conveys to the Northern Marianas the submerged lands out to three miles from the shoreline of each of the islands. It gives the people of the NMI the power to protect

and benefit from these lands and the natural resources in the waters above them.

The need for Congress to convey the submerged lands comes from a series of court cases that determined that the CNMI did not own these lands.

The CNMI filed Civil Action 99-0028, *Northern Mariana Islands v. United States of America*, on April 30, 1999, seeking a declaration that the Commonwealth was the owner of the submerged land in the Northern Mariana Islands, under the U.S. Quiet Title Act.

The Federal District Court in the Northern Marianas ruled against the CNMI in August 2003. That ruling was affirmed

by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in 2005. The U.S. Supreme Court declined to reconsider the matter in 2006.

"The people of the Northern Mariana Islands certainly always believed that the waters around our islands belonged to us," said Sablan. "My bill will establish our legal ownership of the waters immediately

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Climate change is the true crisis

To paraphrase Oscar Wilde: One deadly explosion while extracting fossil fuels may be regarded as a misfortune, but two within a month looks like carelessness. That's the problem lawmakers are wrestling with amid hearings and federal investigations of the Upper Big Branch mine blast in West Virginia and the BP oil rig collapse in the Gulf of Mexico. We're pleased to see that the reactive machinery is functioning, and confident that it will result in regulations to better protect miners and oil workers. But we can't help thinking that our representatives are missing the signs of a far more destructive crisis in the making.

Coal and oil have more in common than a tendency to produce explosions when mistakes are made in the extraction process. Together, they account for the main reason the Earth's climate is gradually changing. The deaths of 29 mine workers and 11 oil workers were tragic, and the economic consequences of the oil spill to the gulf's fishing and tourism industries could be devastating, but they're dwarfed by the deaths and financial losses that will come with global warming.

Climate change is a little like weight loss: When you're on a diet, it's hard to see the fat melting away day to day, but compare photos of yourself before and after losing 20 pounds and the difference is dramatic. Our political system functions well when it's reacting to a discrete disaster such as a mine explosion, but a slow-motion catastrophe such as climate change doesn't spur the same outrage because most people don't see it happening until long after the damage is done.

Thus, we're a little bemused by the conversion of Florida Gov. Charlie Crist, a former advocate of offshore oil drilling who has now changed his mind. Unmentioned by Crist or other Sunshine State politicians is that, even as Floridians fret about tar balls from the gulf spill showing up on their pristine white-sand beaches, those same beaches are going to vanish within half a century (along with much of Miami) under the worst-case scenarios presented by climate modelers. But voters can see tar balls; erosion is tougher to spot.

Congress and the Obama administration are wasting no time investigating the mining and drilling disasters. Meanwhile, a comprehensive climate bill is hopelessly stalled in the Senate, and its prospects of approval in an election year are dim. It's no more likely to progress in 2011 either, because the Democratic majority is expected to shrink.

Lawmakers today aren't seeing the forest for the trees; that will change when the forest has burned or been destroyed by bark beetles, but by then it will be too late.

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The Wonder Girls

The Wonder Girls are *Chosun saram* (Koreans) whose world famous *Nobody, Nobody* song hit is a ringtone of choice here in Dong Bei, China, particularly *Yanbian Kogoryo* (Korea in China) in Jilin and Heilongjiang provinces.

I was introduced to the piece last New Year's Eve celebration at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel when the *Hanguoren* component of the casino decided to do a hilarious stage rendition. I caught the catchy tune and in March, my China host's son located for me a copy of the group's video. It consisted of a HYP Honey pop star who was to perform the number on live radio but was detained in the restroom without toilet paper doing #1 (if unfamiliar with the number, you obviously had not been a parent!). When the number was called and the star had yet to appear, the hip-swinging back-up girls abandoned their position and presented the number. The rest became a wondrous Simon Caldwell-like awe-filled discovery moment.

This type of toilet humor is frowned upon in Victorian America's respectable circles, and tolerated by the Frogs (French) in Canada with extreme prejudice. The humor remains behind vaudevillian curtains, and Lenny Bruce's attempt to draw the bawdiness of smoking rooms to the living room was severely vilified just for trying.

It was in *Kogoryo* where I learned that it used to be socially acceptable and good manners for a guest to poop out methane loudly on either end after a meal because it indicated appreciation of the hostess' cooking. Early this year in geothermal Li-aoyang, we took a communal dip at the outdoor steaming baths, and the unselfconscious casualness by which folks of the same gender became naked and walked around in the buff was nothing I had seen elsewhere, even at school gym's shower stalls where guys playfully and with masculine pleasure sting each other with wet washcloth's whip lashes.

There is a bias against the body and its functions in the West with the strict Manichaean dichotomy of body and spirit, the numinous elevated into the preferred state over the messiness of flesh and bones; there is a preference for the habits of the mind over the meaty sauciness of the senses. This is shown even in the remuneration we give labor. A higher pay scale applies to those who grow nails in their pinky fingers while keeping finances at CUC (and excused from washing dishes), over workers' expenditure of sweat and brawn tilling the soil to ensure the supply of succulent tomatoes on our salad tables.

France's first lady Carla Bruni reportedly shocked Michelle Obama with girl sex talk in one of their visits, and *Newsweek's*

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Jonathan Alter (wiki-check his brand of moralism, which is not particularly my Philip Roth cup of tea) is just too happy to promote his new book on the Obamas with the item. Vice-President Joe Biden, not known for verbal restraints, did not hesitate to use the "f" word to mark the gravity of the health care legislation's passage, sending the finicky press to editorial paroxysms. The fact that we could not even print the word in this paper but will not flinch at the FCUK acronym in Garapan t-shirts for the French Connection UK proudly worn and paraded by Japanese tourists and karaoke ladies is indicative of our eschewed sense of reality and authenticity.

The European aversion to the physicality of existence peppers its philosophy, religion and culture, spread out in the colonial era to places including the Marianas. The Cartesian formula *Cogito ergo sum*, "I think, therefore, I am," makes identity a matter of mental assent rather than the bundle of atoms and field of energy that we physically are. We greet people with *How are you?*; i.e., if we are really interested, we mean by that the essence of their being. *How have you been?* is a query of serious interest that plumbs interior feelings and sends many to psychoanalysis and therapy couches.

Compare the Chinese greeting of neighbors used in tones of familiarity. *Chi fan le ma?* (Have you eaten?) Or, the Korean morning salutation often heard across neighbor's fences, *Annyung hee chomusa sum nika?* (Did you sleep well?) There is no mistaking the fundamental physicality of existence that permeates and affirms this consciousness.

An ad in a public bus on Chinese TV on health where a pimple-like infection is graphically portrayed in the labia of a female's lower extremities shocked even my rather liberal sensibilities. I remember when ads on feminine hygiene aired on U.S. primetime were pulled out of mainstream TV because it allegedly assaulted young minds at dinner or before bedtime, and relativized sexual morés!

Never mind that our orchids—arranged with their unmistakable similarity to certain body parts—and the not-too-subtle oyster pre-

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The Class of 2010

This is the time of year where we prepare the annual hand-wringing over the Commonwealth's new graduates being launched into the totally wacky economy. But this time around, well, I'm beyond hand-wringing, not because of the Commonwealth's usual economic dysfunction, we're all used to that, but because our rich and generous Uncle Sam appears to be going broke, and we're not used to that at all. So I'll just go ahead and air my thoughts on the gig now, since my head is already in the game today.

Hopefully the CNMI can get its act together in the tourism realm again, but tourism notwithstanding, we're a mere subset of the U.S. fiscal situation. And that situation is like watching a slow-motion train wreck. There's so much raw inertia behind this massive machine that it's going to take on a life of its own if it jumps the track.

Which is to say: Uncle Sam's spending and borrowing binge is a world class worry. I've been warning about the debt monster for over five years in this column, so I'm no Johnny-come-Lately on this gig. Uncle Sam racked up \$83 billion in new debts just last month.. The two year tally, last year plus this year, is going to be about \$2.9 trillion in new federal debt alone. Yes, TRILLION. I wonder what percentage of the U.S. public even knows what a trillion is. I'll bet less than 20 percent does; Lady Gaga is probably a more widely known concept.

I could go on and on about this, but suffice it to say that something's gotta' give. One way or the other, Saipan will feel the pain from that eventually.

So here's a question for you: Should the current crop of graduates

try to take into account such big-picture economic things? I mean, it's good to be aware of things, right?

Well, maybe not, at least in some situations. Worrying about the U.S. fiscal situation would drive anyone around the bend. Kids graduating from high school need to focus on their immediate and practical situations, I'd think. I didn't pay attention to the outside world at all when I was graduating from high school, which was beneficial, since it allowed me to dig into college with my brain unfettered by worldly concerns. Well, concerns outside of things like the price of pizza and beer, of course. Beyond that, school was a time for theory, not reality; that's a good thing, because staring at the stars for a lifetime won't tell you what they're made of, you need theory for that.

But there are probably reasonable things that a normal kid can do to sort of shore up their defenses to face a more competitive situation out there. Even without worrying yourself sick about distant fiscal matters, and their eventual consequences on local shores, you can sort of agree with yourself to keep a competitive edge. That's a smart thing to do in any situation, be it good times or bad times. And along these lines, the first thing I'd suggest is to start studying Mandarin Chinese. Don't ask me why, I'll just say "why not?"

Another good way to equip one's self, or so I say, is to get the best possible education and training as soon as you can. Some kids like to dilly-dally and "take a break" after graduation to see the world or contemplate their navels or whatever, but I don't think you can safely assume that the opportunities you pass up now will always be available later. For example, budget cuts are already hitting some U.S. uni-

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versities, and I've been told that some admissions are actually being paired back as a consequence. I'm not trying to stir up undue worries on this note, but the fact is that "here today" does not mean "here tomorrow." So I'd say, get what you can while you can.

Well, I guess I'm finger-wagging a bit here, but I'll pass on the advice I've passed to some nieces and nephews who are grads in our family: The best way to solve a problem is to avoid it in the first place, so don't accumulate unhealthy habits; don't get in trouble with the cops; and don't become a gadfly, a busy body, a preener, a chatterbox, or a similarly undisciplined presence. Don't join crusades or mass movements; after all, it's easier to put on your shoes than it is to try to carpet the entire world. And, finally, do be very, very selective in who you associate with, because who you're with is who you are.

Hey, that's not such bad wisdom after all. Like I say, my head's in the game today. But now, if you'll excuse me, it's time for me to start wringing my hands again.

Autism in our lives

By **VIVIAN P. CABRERA**
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

I feel divinely inspired to write this to share with all other parents with children with special needs and most especially to families with autistic children.

The incidence of autism or pervasive developmental disorder is on the rise in the CNMI and the world today. It is not solely due to an increase in occurrence, but is being recognized more at an earlier age and in milder forms. Also, the diagnostic criterion has changed which alters the prevalence. What was once thought to be a disorder caused by parents is now known to be an actual neurobiological disorder that occurs before the child is born.

My autistic son Nicholas. Nicholas is 16 years old and in the 10th grade at Saipan Southern High School under the Public School System's Special Education Program. Nicholas' Individualized Educational Plan has given him a brilliant and fantastic teacher aide, Mr. Ed Guinto, who always has a "can-do" attitude. Nicholas' educational enhancement program is with Ms. Quintanilla, Mrs. Regula, Ms. Guerrero, Mrs. Torres, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Johnson, and principal Mr. Garrison. Throughout his years in school, we found out that Nicholas and other autistic children learn better through written scripts if they are verbal and through pictures if they are non-verbal. With this practice Nicholas understands that he is different from others and that others perceive him. My hope is that the world will learn to enable rather than disable autistic individuals in their lives. My husband and I are doing all that we can in many avenues to enhance the treatment of education and daily independent living skills that we feel are appropriate for Nicholas. We also keep our minds open to new ideas and stay with what is working. We believe that keeping him in inclusion education is the key to his progress.

Each morning after I drop Nicholas off to school, I sit at home and think how well his day will be. Oftentimes I will envision how he sees, feels and touches what is in front of him. There are times I feel I am literally inside his head and I am writing what he truly feels. Autism occurs in many different degrees. My son happens to

be a low-functioning autistic individual who was unable to express himself at an early age. Unlike a lot of the autistic population, in which 50 percent are non-verbal and some have severe behavioral challenges such as head banging, Nicholas is able to function more effectively. He is like a window into the mind of a young autistic child. My hope is that in due time there will be a turn in his life that will help and direct a lot more children into early intervention programs that will give them a better chance in life.

The significance of our son's life has never been overshadowed by his disability. He wakes up each morning with a smile on his face and is ready to face any new challenges of that day. His goodness is sincere and true. He has taught us to focus on the small blessings of life. Although we may not see them at first, he reassures us that those small blessings are there. The rewards of parenting a child with autism are many. Our son doesn't call us Mommy or Papa unless asked to, but the love and affection he shows us makes up for that.

I feel that each person in the world has been placed here for a reason, exactly the way they are, and all of these individuals are incredibly special. Each one of these precious autistic people need help learning in their own unique style in order for them to reach their own fullest potential. We all need to act as facilitators in this process. I believe this is our role as families and educators.

Having a child with autism does not magically transform you into "Supermom" or Superdad," with boundless energy, miraculous teaching abilities, or infinite patience. In addition to all you face with your child with autism, you still have to earn a living, eat, sleep, take care of your other kids, and clean the house. Like everyone else, you have good days and bad days. Many parents of children with autism, however, lament that the world no longer sees them as the mortals they really are and regard them as somehow "gifted." Even though being a parent of a child with autism requires superhuman efforts at times, you are still the same person you were before.

As a mother I feel the need to truly become involved in Nicholas' life rather than just letting it happen or by turning it over to "professionals." Autistic kids usually cannot tell you what they need,

and people without everyday contact with autism do not understand your frustration. *I am the mouth and ears of my child.*

Remember, as the expert of your child and his/her needs, you are in the best, most knowledgeable position to explain these problems to people who can help. Nobody is an advocate for your kid but yourself. You see potential when nobody else sees potential and you see problems when nobody else sees problem.

Step on toes if you must, but don't sit back and assume it will work out. Being a parent of a child with autism is a full-time job and then some. Don't ever give up until you get the answers you need and the results you want. Someday your child will grow up. He/she will become an adult with autism. Right now, while you are concentrating on getting the best possible care for him/her as a child, this fact may seem irrelevant. Set your goals, standards, and rules. Forget what other people may think; always remember that what you think of yourself and for your child is what really matters.

Letter to the Editor To the Legislature

I applaud your stance on the Interior's recommendations to U.S. Congress on the issue of citizenship/permanent residency. Our people and our future generations are fast becoming an "endangered species." Since 2007 we had been aggressively fighting such an injustice, to include exposing the intent of foreign groups and non-profit organizations collaborating with federal agencies such as the Federal Ombudsman and Department of the Interior. Then we were labeled as racists. Today we all share a common goal and that is the protection of our cultural, and social well-being as Chamorros and Carolinians.

I continue to address an important issue: that we are in a political union with the United States under our Covenant agreement and such an agreement must be adhered to its fullest intent, especially when it comes to consultations. Do any of you recall who were under the Secretaries of the Department of Interior? 1. Allan Stayman, 2. David Cohen and now their trained successor, 3. Tony Babauta, a former Department of the Interior staff and a chief of staff to U.S. Rep. Madeleine Bordallo of Guam, and a close ally of U.S. Virgin Island Rep. Donna Christensen. What do they have in common? They all pushed for federal control of our local immigration. They all support the granting of citizenship/permanent residency across the board to both legal and illegal aliens here, regardless if they came to the CNMI under a temporary guest worker permit only. They are the main drafters of Public Law 110-229, and they made it personal, too personal, that they forgot to consult our people, who are U.S. citizens.

Senators and House members, stand your ground and stay focused to the end and ignore all criticisms for the future of our people.

Gregorio Cruz
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sensation of our delights are images that continually assaults us from calendar photos to DFS window displays and restaurant menu pictures. Our Western minds' tradition of symbolism and allusion lacks reverence for nature that the poetry, literature, and civilization permeate China's, thus even if the "f" word is heard in schoolyard rap music, it remains as a word of disdain for its supposedly gross literal meaning.

The doomed politics of exclusion as performed in British politics this week is not foreign to us on Saipan. It is ingrained in our practice of partisan and clan politics (posturing on ideology, but thick on blood and ethnic relations). In a confined geography where associational life is so crucial to the value system, can we






transcend the strictures of thoughts and ideas, and operate out of the commonality of the air we breath and the nutrients we take into our bodies? What would happen if Tina Sablan, John S. del Rosario, Jr., Gregorio Cruz, Jr. and Cinta Kaipat exchanged e-mails daily, not based on their historic disagreements but just because they all live and are sustained by the same physical environment? (Yes, I am dreaming!)

The Wonder Girls sentimentally croon *Nobody, nobody but you!* What would happen to our structures of belonging as a community if suddenly we treated each other as the indispensable *You* in the song? What would happen if Uncles Ben and Eloy, and their anxiety-stricken political cohorts in the Legislature sense the physical presence of their 20K "alien" neighbors rather than take them as abstract political liabilities to be feared should some join the roster of the Commission of Elections? (Yup, dreaming again!)

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼79
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲85 ▼77
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼75
Pohnpei	Windy	▲86 ▼78
Kosrae	Showers	▲87 ▼79
Majuro	Cloudy	▲86 ▼78

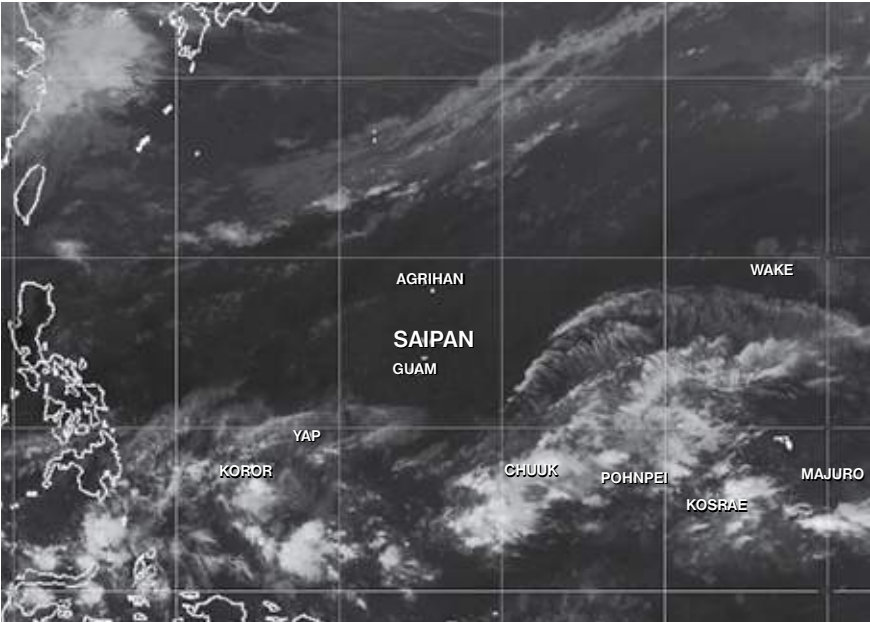
Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲65 ▼58
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲85 ▼58
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲82 ▼71
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲83 ▼73
London	Partly Cloudy	▲60 ▼41
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲74 ▼56
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲95 ▼78
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲65 ▼50
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼78
New York	Thundershowers	▲76 ▼56
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲71 ▼51
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲62 ▼43
Pusan	Cloudy	▲67 ▼55
Rome	Showers	▲62 ▼52
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲76 ▼47
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲65 ▼53
Seoul	Cloudy	▲72 ▼52
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲65 ▼52
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼63

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
1:46 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet	
6:47 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet	
2:03 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet	
9:02 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front extends southwestward from 25N145E to beyond 20N130E with cloudiness and patchy rain along and up to 300 miles northwest of the front. A disturbance south of Koror Palau centered near 3N133E is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between the equator and 5N from 130E to 143E. A surface trough across Pohnpei extends from 4N152E to 9N162E with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 150 miles of the trough. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southwest of Chuuk within 75 miles of a line from 3N145E to 2N149E and scattered showers east of Majuro within 100 miles of a line from 8N176E to 3N180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:49 AM	6:38 PM
Saturday	5:49 AM	6:38 PM
Sunday	5:48 AM	6:39 PM
Monday	5:48 AM	6:39 PM
Tuesday	5:48 AM	6:39 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:33 AM	6:53 PM
Saturday	6:25 AM	7:52 PM
Sunday	7:23 AM	8:52 PM
Monday	8:23 AM	9:49 PM
Tuesday	9:25 AM	10:42 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM				GUAM-ROTA (ROP)			
C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5	C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily	C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	5:55am	8:35am	Daily	DL290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
DL297	3:35pm	6:15pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ604	2:20am	6:10am	1	OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6	CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN	OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ706/607	3:35am	2:20am+1	4, 7 via PUS
OZ606/703	2:20am	11:00pm	1 via ICN	C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
OZ606/703	2:50am	11:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ608/705	3:20am	12:10am+1	1, 5 via PUS	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM	PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau	C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN	OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	4, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05am	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily	FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily	FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily	FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily	Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
Guam-Rota				FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily	FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily	FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily	FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily	FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily	FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily	FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily	FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily	FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily				
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily				



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Letters to the Editor

Thank you CNMI

We the legal aliens who have lawfully resided and worked in CNMI for five, 10, 15, and for more than 20 years would like to thank the CNMI for the following:

1) For inviting, welcoming, and allowing us to stay and work to support the local workforce.

2) For allowing us, despite being aliens, to compete internationally and represent the CNMI in the area of sports and arts, oftentimes ending up being winners.

3) For choosing our children, both U.S. and non-U.S. citizens, to be the CNMI's representative in international competitions in the areas of academic, arts, and sports.

4) For trusting that we could attend and take care of your sick people.

5) For your faith in us that, although you are not home or you are at work, we can assist your elderly parents and relatives and

we can look after your children and provide for their needs.

6) For giving us the privilege to assist, serve and entertain your most valued tourists, for them to enjoy their visits here and make sure they would not regret the money spent and convince them that it is all worth coming back for.

7) For acknowledging that our professions and skills are much needed in your government agencies.

8) For allowing us to fish and cultivate your land so that there is fresh fish, vegetables/crops and fruits on your tables.

9) In believing that we can nurture your children and instill in them Christian values, especially the love and respect for one another.

10) For trusting that we could build and/or fix your roads, sewers, buildings, houses, cars, office equipment, home appliances and/or furniture, office machineries and industrial machines.

11) For trusting that the food being cooked and served to you is clean and the best.

12) For allowing us to be your neighbors, *cumpadres*, *cumadres*, members of your family and relatives in-law.

13) For reading this newspaper, because those who printed this and delivered it to the stores/outlets near you are mostly aliens. If you are reading this through your computer, for trusting the hands and brains of aliens in fixing and upgrading the computer you have right now.

14) For choosing to be part of the U.S. where democracy rings!

Malou Berueco
As Gonno, Saipan

Ludicrous

In response to Rep. Joseph Palacios' statement about folks paying \$3,000 for their U.S. passports, where did you get your information? That amount is ludicrous. The fee is \$65 and has been for quite some time. Go to the official Web site and you will see it there. If you are referring to green cards, the fee for a green card for a spouse is \$49.95 (application fee). So, wherever you got your numbers, you need to check them again...or if you used a "service" to get your papers, and paid \$3,000, you're getting ripped off in a big way.

Paul Beebe
Spokane, Washington

Claiming the victory

I'm very pleased with the U.S. Department of the Interior's recommendation to give improved immigration status to alien workers who have been legally residing in CNMI for at least five years. This only shows that nothing is really impossible. I knew that the federal government will do the right thing. The United States wouldn't be the land of opportunity for nothing. The reaction of local residents is also understandable but do they really think they can change what is destined to happen—

that the alien workers will soon have a better immigration status? They can either continue to challenge whatever Uncle Sam does or say or be realistic and work hand in hand with them. They might even get a better deal if they do that.

It is truly scary to think that some alien workers whom they have been treating as second-class members of the community will eventually have the same rights as they have or worse, displace them. Reap what you sow. If you

sow injustice and fear, that's what you will also get.

I'm making an appeal to all the guest workers and our friends and families to join the motorcade and assembly this coming Sunday. I will be there with you in spirit and in prayers. Rejoice because we already have the first glimpse of a dream coming to reality. This is what we've been working and praying for.

And while we're all celebrating over this great development, my other request to the guest workers is to pray without ceasing for God's will to happen smoothly and peacefully. I be-

lieve that there is less, if not no more, need for us to spend time on the streets. The feds have already heard us and they have all the information they need. After the motorcade this Sunday, start spending your time to learn the U.S. immigration law. You should also start preparing documents such authenticated copies of your birth certificates, marriage contracts, tax returns, etc that you might need later. Claim the victory!

God bless the CNMI guest workers!

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Kilili honors fallen law enforcement officers

WASHINGTON D.C.—House Resolution 1299, honoring federal, state, and local law enforcement officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty, passed the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously on Tuesday.

U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) was one of four original co-sponsors of the measure, when it was introduced last month.

"We are grateful to all of our law enforcement officers—ports police, marine conservation officers, firefighters, patrol

officers, detectives—for their commitment to make our communities as safe as possible," said Sablan. "But, especially, as we approach May 15, which is Peace Officers Memorial Day, we remember those law enforcement officers who have sacrificed their lives or who have been disabled protecting us all from harm."

House Resolution 1299 was authored by U.S. Reps. Ted Poe (R-TX) and Jim Costa (D-CA) are co-founders of the Congressional Victims Rights Caucus, of which Sablan is also a member. The cau-

cus website is <http://vrc.poe.house.gov/>

The May 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day was established in 1962 by an act of Congress signed by President John F. Kennedy.

Communities around the nation pay their respects on this day. And many families of the fallen officers gather at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., where the names of the more than 17,000 law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty are inscribed. (PR)

Unity Movement Motorcade this Sunday

The Human Dignity Movement encourages all foreign workers, residents and nonresidents in the CNMI to join the Unity Movement Motorcade and Assembly.

The event will be held this Sunday, May 16. The motorcade starts at Kilili Beach at 2pm and will end at the American Memorial Park at 5pm.

"We invite everyone to join us to

demonstrate support or the Department of the Interior's recommendations for long-term status for legal alien workers who have resided in the CNMI for five years or more; to urge the U.S. Congress to act quickly on the recommendations; and to bring the entire community together in support of long-term status for legal aliens in order to stabilize the workforce and keep families together,"

said Human Dignity Movement president Itos Feliciano.

All participants will be wearing white as a sign of peace and hope. The Human Dignity Movement encourages everyone to bring their families and to invite co-workers, employers and neighbors to come together in unity.

"Let every person who calls the CNMI their home come together to join hands in support of brotherhood and prosperity," said Itos. (PR)

\$4M in TV exposure for NMI through Japan's 'Ariken'

In its first-ever overseas taping, Tokyo's popular variety show "Ariken" was on location this month in Saipan, bringing an estimated \$4-million worth of media exposure to this resort destination.

Saipan, located in the Northern Mariana Islands and three hours by plane from Tokyo, will be featured for 100 minutes over four upcoming episodes of the show. "Ariken" reaches over six million Tokyo households through 10 television stations each Saturday and is hosted by popular comedians Teppei Arita and Ken Horiuchi, hence the name "Ariken."

"We and our tourism partners were very eager to support this filming," said Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Managing Director Perry Tenorio. "'Ariken' is going to be a tremendous introduction of our Dive in the Marianas Campaign 2010."

The MVA launched the Dive in Marianas Campaign 2010 on May

1, 2010, and aims to attract novice divers and experienced divers making their first dives in the Northern Marianas.

The MVA and its partners helped facilitate the "Ariken" filming by providing air fare and hotel accommodations for the 15-member film crew. The MVA also assisted with film permitting and coordination.

"We are grateful to have major TV media in Japan provide this level of exposure at minimum cost to the Northern Marianas," said Tenorio. "Our tourism partners played a big role in making this possible."

While on island, the crew filmed at Managaha, Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden, American Memorial Park, Joeten Hafa Adai Shopping Center, Country House Restaurant, and numerous scenic sights.

Supporting partners were Hyatt Regency Saipan, Tasi Tours, Aqua Connection, and Joeten Hafa Adai Shopping Center. (MVA)



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- Persistent tearing, eye drainage, or sensitivity to light
- Does not respond to sounds around him or her
- Has difficulty getting objects to mouth
- Does not roll over in either direction (front to back or back to front) by 5 months
- Seems impossible to comfort at night after 5 months
- Cannot sit with help by 6 months
- Does not laugh or make squealing sounds by 6 months
- Does not actively reach for objects by 6 to 7 months
- Does not follow objects with both eyes at near (1 foot) and far (6 feet) ranges by 7 months
- Does not bear weight on legs by 7 months
- Does not try to attract attention through actions by 7 months
- Experiences a dramatic loss of skills he or she once had

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For a very reasonable \$10, you can have your pasta any way you like it, with a cooking station right there in the dining area ready to whip up any combination of pasta dishes you may be craving.

And with just enough portions per serving, one may actually be able to sample all the different items on the menu, mixing and

combining the different types of noodles with seven outstanding sauces for at least 35 different kinds of pasta dishes.

Guests have five types of noodles to choose from: spaghetti, fettuccini, farfalle (bowtie), penne, and fucille.

Once that choice is made, you then have seven different sauces to choose from: Alfredo, Pesto, Carbonara, Pomodoro, Primavera, Puttanesca, and Bolognese. The more adventurous types can even mix and match, with just a simple request to the chef for your pre-

CONTACT INFO

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Palms Resort chef Roderick De Vera prepares to cook a pasta dish. Behind him is executive sous chef Habib Akbar.



ferred ingredient.

"All You Can Eat Pasta" is a special promo for the month of May and is offered only on Sunday evenings at the Palms Resort Saipan. Costing just \$10 per head, guests may order a glass of red or white wine for an additional \$3 per glass.

Cristina Lustre, Palms Resort F&B manager, said they came up with the idea of a pasta night to complement and round out their Theme Nights. "At \$10 only, this is very affordable.

The best thing is that your pasta will be cooked on the spot in front of the guest. You can choose a variety of ingredients and combine different types of pasta dishes to your heart's content," said Lustre.

Executive sous chef Habib Akbar, who was supervising the pasta station, invites everyone to give Pasta Night a try. "We want people to experience a variety of pasta dishes and the many dishes we offer," he said. (Saipan Tribune)



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12 graduate from NMC's ABE program on Rota

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

The Northern Marianas College conferred certificates of completion to 12 individuals on Rota who successfully completed the requirements of the college's Adult Basic Education program.

In a ceremony held Saturday at San Isidro Sainan Ina Catholic Church, Josephine R. Lizama and Ruth Marie O. Matagolai were awarded the highest honor in this year's batch of program graduates.

NMC Cooperative Research Extension and Education Services director Ross Manglona was the event's keynote speaker. Monsignor Luis Antonelli presided over the Mass, accompanied by the San Isidro 8'o'clock choir.

Interim NMC president Lor-

raine T. Cabrera said the college is proud of its new graduates.

"We are extremely proud of the 2010 graduating class of the Rota ABE program for their great accomplishment. We wish each graduate success in their future endeavors," Cabrera said.

Also in attendance at the ceremony were Board of Regents member Elaine Orilla, ABE acting state director Velma Mafnas and the program's administrative manager, Leonard Morales.

Adult Basic Education is a federally funded program that focuses on the educational needs of adult learners.

This Spring semester, the college offered five components of the ABE program: general educational development, adult school, English as second language, family literacy, and mentor-mentee program.

It is the core mission of the

New water hours for 6 villages

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and the CNMI Water Task Force have released new water service hours for Capital Hill, Chalan Galaide, Wireless Ridge, Talafofo, Tapochau and I Denni areas in connections with the resealing of the Capital Hill million-gallon tank.

The new water hours are:

■ Capital Hill 1200-1300 Block/Homestead/Tapochau/Chalan Galaide: 6am-12pm

■ 1300 Block/Wireless Ridge/Talafofo/I Denni: 5pm-6am

The new water service hours are necessary to allow the contractor to complete the water proofing of the Capital Hill million-gallon concrete storage tank. The work is scheduled

to begin May 10 and expected to be completed Aug. 10. The sealant will protect the concrete tank as well as prevent contamination of the water supply.

Residents in these areas are therefore advised to expect shorter water hours during this construction period. Residents are encouraged to practice strict water conservation and to teach children and household workers to save water especially during this period. Rainwater catchment system/water tanks should be cleaned and float valves installed or replaced to ensure that water does not overflow from any tanks. Strict separation of such systems from the main supply must be ensured. (PR)

Free HPV vaccines, glucose, blood pressure screenings at the MMAC

Free Human Papilloma Virus vaccines for all girls ages 9-18, as well as free glucose and blood pressure screenings for the public, will be offered at the Marianas March Against Cancer today, May 14, at Hopwood Junior High School, from 6pm to 10pm.

The HPV vaccines will be administered at the Department of Public Health Team Hinemlo Tent, and will be available for all girls ages 9-18 who have not yet received their shots. Parental consent is required, and consent forms will be available at the Team Hinemlo Tent.

HPV is a major cause of cervical cancer. The CNMI has one of the highest rates of cervical cancer in the nation.

In 2007, DPH, the Commonwealth Cancer Coalition, the Commonwealth Cancer Association, Stellar Marianas, and the Public School System launched a campaign to offer HPV vaccinations to all junior high and high school girls.

The campaign received national recognition, including

four awards from the National Public Health Information Coalition. About 92 percent of all junior high and high girls received their vaccinations. Girls who have not yet received their shots, or who have not completed the series of shots, are encouraged to avail of the free service at the Marianas March Against Cancer, or at the DPH's Immunization Program.

In addition, the Marianas Medical Center will be offering free glucose and blood pressure screenings to the public at the MMAC Shop Tent, and accepting appointment requests for physical exams to encourage early preventive care. MMC is a major sponsor and supporter of the Marianas March Against Cancer.

The Marianas March Against Cancer is the signature annual fundraising event of the Commonwealth Cancer Association. For more information, call 682-0050, email cca@ccamarianas.org, or visit www.ccamarianas.org. (PR)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Northern Marianas College Rota Adult Basic Education program graduated 12 students during its Mass and award ceremony held on Sinapalo I, Rota on May 8, 2010. In the photo are the 2010 graduating class, and Board of Regents member Elaine Orilla, bottom far left, Monsignor Luis Antonelli, bottom third left, and NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera, bottom third right.

ABE program to provide educationally disadvantaged adults of the community the opportunities

to acquire basic skills necessary to function more effectively.

The college has been seeing

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MTEC, MY WAVE hold Tourism Month cleanup

The Marianas Tourism Education Council and Hopwood Jr. High School MY WAVE Club joined hands last Saturday, May 8, for a beach cleanup in support of May Tourism Month.

Nearly 50 volunteers from the two groups—along with representatives from the Marianas Visitors Authority, Hopwood Jr. High Student Council, and Division of Environmental Quality—met at 7:30am Saturday to pick up trash from San Antonio Beach Park north to Chalan Kanoa Beach.

“We’re so happy to working with Hopwood Jr. High’s MY WAVE club and STUCO on helping support tourism, especially this month,” said MTEC president and Saipan Grand Hotel general manager Ed Cho. “We commended these students



Nearly 40 volunteers from Hopwood Jr. High School’s My WAVE and Student Council, Marianas Tourism Education Council, Marianas Visitors Authority, and the Division of Environmental Quality turned out for a beach cleanup on May 8, 2010, at San Antonio Beach Park in Saipan. The group cleaned debris north to Chalan Kanoa Beach in honor of May Tourism Month.

for taking a couple hours early on a Saturday for this cleanup initiative.”

Saipan Grand Hotel and Pacific Islands Club Saipan donated

gift certificates to the student organizations for their efforts.

Cho added that MTEC is looking at more ways to work with school MY WAVE clubs.

MTEC is a nonprofit organization promoting community awareness on the importance of the visitor industry in the Northern Marianas. (MVA)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

May 16 Hunt for Managaha cancelled

The Marianas Visitors Authority wishes to inform the public that the Hunt for Managaha swim originally scheduled for May 16 has been cancelled due to channel use restrictions. (MVA)

May Tourism Month activities

■ May 14: Islandwear Friday. Show your island pride and wear island attire or local traditional wear on Friday. Receive a chance to win free Taste of the Marianas tokens by becoming a Facebook fan of “Hafa Adai Tirow Spirit Islandwear in the Northern Mariana Islands” and posting your favorite islandwear shots of yourself, your friends, co-workers, or family. Each week, one randomly selected fan with posted photos will win \$10 of Taste of the Marianas tokens. Tokens must be claimed by May 28, 2010.

■ May 15: Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden will be held Saturday, May 15, at the American Memorial Park, beginning at 6pm. This week’s competition will be the SPAM Cook-off at 7pm featuring 10 contenders. For more information, contact the Marianas Visitors Authority at 1.670.664.3200/1 or e-mail Frank Tudela of the MVA at ftudela@mymarianas.com. (MVA)

DEQ red-flags two beaches on Saipan

The Division of Environment Quality has raised the red flag on the Tanapag Meeting Hall and DPW Channel Bridge on Saipan and advises the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. However, storm water runoff in tropical environments may also contain these bacteria, which may not be directly associated with public health concerns.

DEQ analyzes samples of marine recreational and storm drainage water from 38 locations on the Saipan’s coast. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

NMC Graduation 2010 important dates

The Northern Marianas College is inviting all community members to its 30th Commencement Exercise on Saturday, May 22, 2010, at 4pm at the Marianas High School Gymnasium. The college is also reminding all graduates to note the following dates:

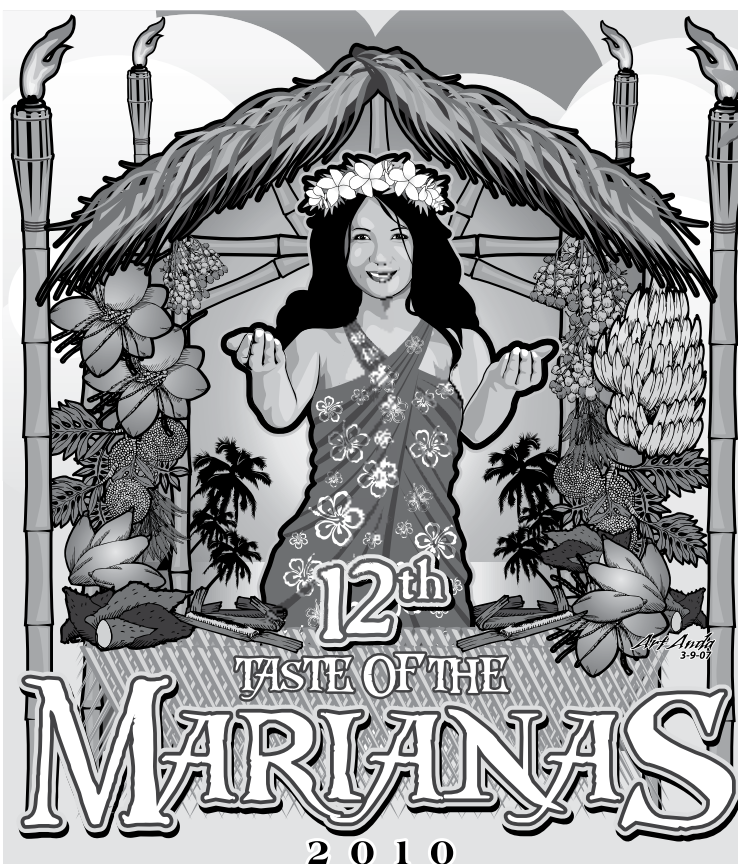
- May 20, 6pm: Graduation Mass at Chalan Kanoa Cathedral. Graduates must arrive by 5:30pm.
- May 21, 3pm: Graduation rehearsal for ALL graduates at MHS Gymnasium
- May 22, 4pm: Commencement Exercise. Graduates must arrive no later than 3:30pm. (NMC)

USCIS offers Webinars for the CNMI Form I-9

The Verification Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is offering a series of one hour Webinars on the CNMI Form I-9 beginning May 20, 2010, from 8am to 9:15am local time. The Webinar is a live meeting that takes place over the Internet.

The meeting includes a presentation that gives attendees the opportunity to learn about the CNMI Form I-9. The CNMI Form I-9 is only for use in the CNMI and is required for all new hires in the Commonwealth since Nov. 28, 2009. To register for one of the Webinars, go to the Sign Up for a Webinar page.

Those who need more information or assistance can contact their customer service representative Tuesday through Saturday from 4am to 1pm local time by dialing 1-888-464-4218. To learn more about the federalization of immigration law in the CNMI, go to www.uscis.gov/cnmi. (USCIS)



INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL AND BEER GARDEN
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Saturday, May 15, 2010

6:00 p.m.	Benny Parsad with Indian and folk music
6:30 p.m.	Soli D
7:00 p.m.	Timothy Circle Youth Performers
7:30 p.m.	Cab Dancers
8:00 p.m.	Hopwood Jr. High MY WAVE
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2010 CNMI TOURISM MONTH

“Tourism is Everybody’s Business”

“Hafa Adai Tirow” Spirit Island Wear Fridays

Every Friday in May is Hafa Adai Tirow Spirit Island Wear day! Show your island pride and culture by wearing island attire or local traditional wear. Share your favorite islandwear shots of yourself, your friends, co-workers, and family on Facebook at “Hafa Adai Tirow Spirit Islandwear in the Northern Mariana Islands.”

Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden

This highly anticipated weekly celebration will be held every Saturday in May at American Memorial Park from 6-10 p.m. The event will feature delicious local and international cuisine sold by over 15 hotel and local restaurants. Enjoy the talent of local and international performers with live entertainment all evening. The event will feature nightly competitions, as well as trivia questions aimed at promoting tourism awareness.

Radio Tourism Trivia

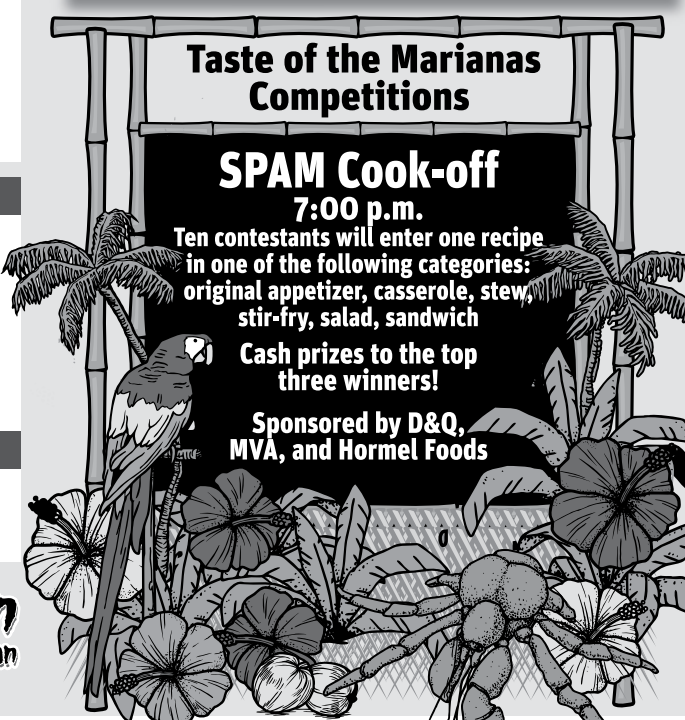
Call in with the correct answer for your chance to win tokens for the Taste of the Marianas and Tourism Month T-shirts. “Did you Know?” and “Fun Facts about Tourism in the Northern Marianas” will be aired regularly throughout the month on 103.9 FM KZMI, Power 99, and 97.9 FM The KAT.

“My Marianas” Community Outreach Presentation

Learn about the latest industry trends and upcoming tourism events during this slideshow to be held every Thursday at the Garapan Street Market and every Saturday at the Taste of the Marianas. Tourism Month informational packages will also be available on-site. The presentation will also target the schools with the help of the Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC).

On-the-Street Interviews

MVA turns the spotlight on the public as random community members are given an opportunity to share their views on various tourism topics. The questions and answers will be featured regularly via the newspapers.



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday greetings go out to ate Delma, who celebrating her special day today, May 14, 2010. We love you so much! Coming out from Kaia, RJ, and family.

Business

Bill aimed to stem global warming, create jobs

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sens. John Kerry and Joe Lieberman unveiled a long-awaited bill Wednesday that aims to curtail pollution blamed for global warming, reduce oil imports and create millions of energy-related jobs.

The 987-page bill, the product of more than seven months of negotiations and tweaked recently in response to the Gulf oil spill, also includes new protections for offshore drilling and for the first time would set a price on carbon dioxide emissions produced by coal-fired power plants and other large polluters.

The legislation aims to cut emissions of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping greenhouse

gases by 17 percent by 2020 and by more than 80 percent by 2050. Both targets are measured against 2005 levels and are the same as those set by a House bill approved last year.

"We can finally tell the world that America is ready to take back our role as the world's clean energy leader," Kerry, D-Mass., said at a news conference, surrounded by environmentalists and leaders from an array of energy companies.

"This is a bill for energy independence after a devastating oil spill, a bill to hold polluters accountable, a bill for billions of dollars to create the next generation of jobs and a bill to end America's addiction to foreign oil," Kerry said, call-

ing stakes for the legislation "sky high."

Lieberman, I-Conn., predicted the bill would pass, citing what he called a growing and unprecedented coalition of business, national security, faith and environmental leaders who are "energized" to work for it.

He and Kerry said in an interview that Senate colleagues have been surprised at the strong support from business leaders, including oil companies, major utilities and



Kerry



Lieberman

the nuclear power industry. Among those in attendance at Wednesday's news conference were Jim Rogers, chairman and CEO of North Carolina-based Duke Energy; Tom Kuhn, president of the Edison

Electric Institute, which represents shareholder-owned electric companies, and Lew Hay, chairman and CEO of FPL Group Inc., a Florida-based power company.

The bill also is supported by most environmental groups. A coalition of 22 groups, including the Sierra Club, Natural Resources Defense Council, Environmental Defense Fund and The Wilderness Society, endorsed the bill in a joint letter Wednesday.

President Barack Obama added his support, saying the

nation must work to end its dependence on fossil fuels.

"The challenges we face—underscored by the immense tragedy in the Gulf of Mexico—are reason to redouble our efforts to reform our nation's energy policies," Obama said in a statement. "For too long, Washington has kicked this challenge to the next generation."

Despite the lofty rhetoric, the measure faces a steep road in the Senate amid partisan disputes over the drilling provisions and other issues, including immigration reform.

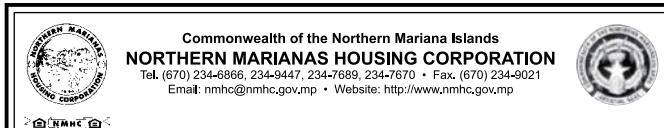
BUSINESS BRIEFS

Report: April consumer spending falls from March

NEW YORK (AP)—Americans pulled back from the malls in April, spending less in retail outlets than they did in March, figures released Thursday show. The lull comes on the heels of three straight month-to-month gains in the retail spending figures, released by MasterCard Advisors' SpendingPulse. April's business was hurt by cool weather as well as an early Easter that spurred sales in March. But the speed bump also shows that the economy remains on uncertain ground, according to Kamalesh Rao, director of economic research for SpendingPulse.

Oil falls to near \$75 on weak US crude demand

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices fell to near \$75 a barrel Thursday in Asia as traders mulled signs of tepid U.S. crude demand against growing consumption in developing economies. Benchmark crude for June delivery was down 27 cents to \$75.38 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The June contract lost 72 cents to settle at \$75.65 on Wednesday. Crude inventories keep rising, defying analyst predictions that a recovering U.S. economy would boost demand. The Energy Information Administration said Wednesday that oil supplies increased more than expected last week as stockpiles grow for 14 of the last 15 weeks.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice Is hereby given that the Office of the Governor and the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), will be conducting a Public Hearing on May 21, 2010, at 9am in the NMHC Conference Room at Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments from interested members in the community concerning the proposed Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) that specifies the criteria to evaluate and allocate credits for US Income Taxes to qualified projects that provide affordable housing under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.

Copies of the proposed QAP will be available as of the date of this publication for review and comment at the office of NMHC on Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950.

For more information regarding this program, please contact Joshua Sasamoto at (670) 234-6866.

/s/ Joshua T. Sasamoto
Corporate Director

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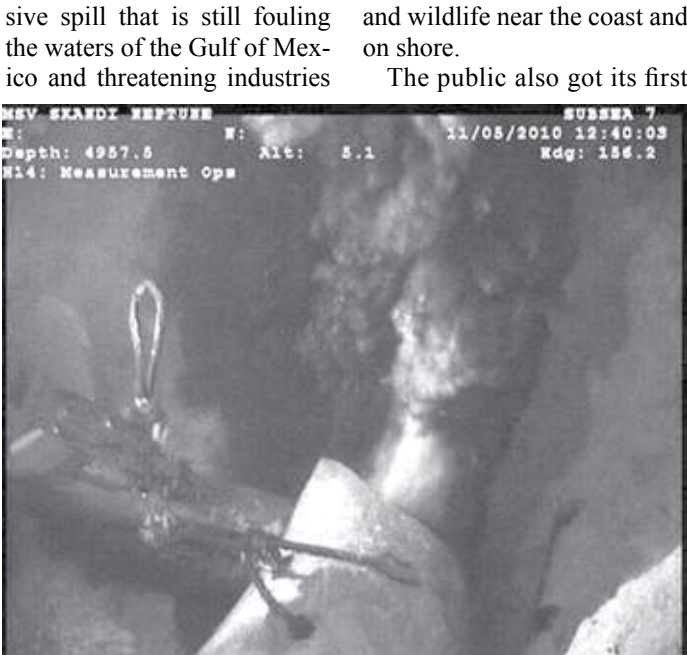
Nation

What went wrong at oil rig? A lot, probers find

WASHINGTON (AP)—Bad wiring and a leak in what’s supposed to be a “blowout preventer.” Sealing problems that may have allowed a methane eruption. Even a dead battery, of all things.

New disclosures Wednesday revealed a complex cascade of deep-sea equipment failures and procedural problems in the oil rig explosion and mas-

In this photo made from video taken by BP PLC on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, oil leaks into the Gulf of Mexico from the end of the pipe that was supposed to pump oil from the sea floor before the Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded and sunk last month.



AP

look on Wednesday of oil gushing from the broken pipe that rests nearly a mile under water as BP PLC, the well’s operator, released a video taken by a remotely controlled camera. Oil flowing from a break in the yellowish pipe becomes lighter in color as it mixes with natural gas. Over the past 21 days more than 4 million gallons of oil have been released.

LA OKs Arizona boycott over tough immigration law

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The City Council voted Wednesday to boycott Arizona businesses, making Los Angeles the largest city to take such action to protest the state’s tough new law targeting illegal immigration.

The 13-1 vote, which came after emotional discussion in which several council members recounted their immigrant ancestors, was largely symbolic since only a small percentage of the city’s business dealings are affected.

“An immigrant city, an international city, (Los Angeles) needs to have its voice heard,” Councilman Ed Reyes said. “It is crucial this great city take a stand.”

The resolution is expected to be signed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. It bars the nation’s second-largest city from conducting business or reaching new contracts with Arizona businesses unless the immigration law is repealed, and also prohibits most city business trips to the state.

ACROSS THE NATION


SC Gov. Sanford saw Argentine lover in Florida

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford said Wednesday he spent last week-end in Florida with his Argentine lover, hoping to rekindle the affair that wrecked his marriage and his political future and brought a formal rebuke from legislators for embarrassing the state. At a news conference on an unrelated issue, Sanford conceded he owes the public the assurance that he’s safe and in communication with his office but said the media is obsessed with his personal life. Sanford did not mention Maria Belen Chapur of Argentina by name when asked about a week-end trip out of state about which his staff has refused to provide details. But the governor, now divorced, left no room for doubt. “As a matter of record, everybody in this room knows exactly who I was with over the weekend,” Sanford said. “That is no mystery to anybody given what I said last summer. And, you know, the purpose was obviously to see if something could be restarted on

that front given the rather enormous geographic gulf between us. And time will tell. I don’t know if it will or won’t.”

Police: Utah man beat boy to death, disfigured him


SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—The Utah man held in the slaying of his 4-year-old stepson beat him for days before the boy died, then used a hammer to disfigure his face and teeth before burying his body in the mountains, according to police records released late Wednesday. The body of Ethan Stacy, wrapped in plastic, was unearthed by police Tuesday. Interview summaries filed by Layton police detectives documented increasingly harsh treatment of the boy during his short time in Utah. A Virginia judge had sent the boy to Layton for a summer visit with his mother just 10 days before his death, police said. Investigators said they obtained photographs and video images of Ethan’s worsening condition from his mother’s cell phone, starting more than a week ago.



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INVITATION FOR BID

NMHC IFB 2010-004

AMENDMENT #01: Change of Pre-Bid Conference Date
This ad is paid with HUD Funds by NMHC

Ground Maintenance Services for NMHC’s Properties in Rota

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors are hereby giving notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids from interested, licensed companies in the Commonwealth to provide ground maintenance services for its properties in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Interested firms may pick up Bid Specifications at the NMHC Office in Garapan, Saipan or at its Field Office in Songsong Village, Rota, beginning Monday, April 26, 2010, from 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., during regular business hours, except CNMI holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the NMHC Field Office located in the Tamara and Seven Brothers Enterprises Building in Songsong Village on Thursday, May 20, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. Bidders will have the opportunity to tour the housing subdivision and other properties owned by NMHC to be covered under the proposed contract. Attendance at this conference and site visits are considered essential to the bidders’ understanding of the project elements, and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

Sealed bids must be marked **NMHC IFB 2010-004**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two (2) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, not later than **10:00 a.m., local time May 26, 2010**. Bids received after the date and time will not be accepted. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, May 26, 2010**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two (2) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **May 26, 2010**, and must be received at Procurement and Supply no later than **June 7, 2010**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan at **8:00 a.m., local time, June 8, 2010**. However, if no notice of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m., local time on May 26, 2010**.


NMHC hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contacts entered into pursuant to this advertisement, small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, religion, sex, disabilities or national origin.

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, “Local Business Preference” is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be awarded a contract with NMHC.


The Commonwealth Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in the bids if determined by the government to be in its best interest. All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth Government.

/s/ **MARCIE M. TOMOKANE**
Chairwoman of the Board



/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
Director, Procurement & Supply

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR HEARING

Friday, May 14, 2010, First Notice

Friday, May 21, 2010, Second Notice

The Employee and Employer is hereby notified to report to the Department of Labor, Administrative Hearing Office, 2nd Floor, Afetnas Square Building, San Antonio, Saipan for a hearing to address the matter of the complaint. This notice will serve as a “Proof of Service of this Notice of Hearing”. For information, please contact Investigator Jeffrey T. Camacho at 236-0900 ext. 243.

Employee	Employer	Case Number	Date/Time
He, Yuxiang	Md Abu B.S. Munshi	CAC#09-008-01	5/25/2010 at 1PM
Montano, Bernardo	ISA Enterprises	CAC#10-184-02	5/25/2010 at 1PM
Baconawa, Eduardo	G.C.G. & Company	CAC#10-186-02	5/25/2010 at 1PM
De Guzman, Romeo	Aguon, Antonio	CAC#10-189-02	5/25/2010 at 1PM
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Formalejo, Ma. Dolor	Micronesian Health Corp.	CAC#10-346-03	5/25/2010 at 1PM
Tambiga, Ma. Cristina	ASG Corporation	CAC#10-352-03	5/25/2010 at 1PM
Bangilan, Elsa	Marianas Fastfoods, Inc.	CAC#10-353-03	5/25/2010 at 1PM
Yin, Hu	Tasi Tours & Trans.	CAC#10-364-04	5/25/2010 at 1PM
Balina, Jeffrey T.	G4S Security Services	CAC#10-381-05	5/25/2010 at 1PM
Adelan, George B.	Tropical Gardens, Inc.	CAC#10-382-05	5/25/2010 at 1PM
Alternado, Ma. Luisa	Joseph Co. Ltd.	CAC#10-384-05	5/25/2010 at 1PM

Failure to appear on the scheduled date may result in an Administrative Order being entered against you.

Dated this 5th day of May 2010.

/s/ By: Jeffrey T. Camacho
Enforcement, OIC

Asia

Aquino promises lean, graft-free RP gov't

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine president-apparent and nominees to what he pledged would be a lean, graft-free Cabinet promised Wednesday to travel overseas less, investigate corruption and renew peace talks on ending decades-long insurgencies.

With the vote count nearly complete, Benigno Aquino III began assembling his Cabinet from the ranks of defectors from outgoing President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's administration. One ministerial nominee said bloated contracts, especially from Arroyo's last six months in office, would be investigated before being honored.

Despite lackluster terms as a congressman and senator, Aquino is set to become president after winning wide support in Monday's election, largely due to the political legacy of his democracy icon parents. He has 41.81 percent of votes in the nine-way race, with votes from 88.78 percent of precincts counted by Wednesday evening, according to a government-accredited watchdog.

Aquino's closest rival, for-

mer President Joseph Estrada, had 26.49 percent of the tally so far.

Aquino—whose father was assassinated while opposing Ferdinand Marcos' dictatorship and whose mother led the 1986 "people power" revolt that restored democracy—will inherit a Southeast Asian nation grappling with poverty and debilitated by decades-long Marxist and Muslim insurgencies, military unrest, corruption, violent crimes and political strife.

"Our country badly needs this shot in the arm," said Corazon Soliman, the first to accept a Cabinet post from Aquino. "We have been given a second chance to do this right."

Soliman defected, along with several other Cabinet members, from Arroyo's administration in July 2005 amid a vote-rigging scandal that nearly forced her from power. Soliman and her colleagues had called for Arroyo's resignation and backed Aquino.

A committee will help Aquino form a Cabinet before he takes his oath June 30, selecting people "with integrity, honesty and no track record



Presidential candidate Sen. Benigno "Noy" Aquino III belts out a song to thousands of supporters attending the last campaign rally known as "Miting De Avance" Friday, May 7, 2010 at Manila's Quezon city in the Philippines.

of corrupt practices," Soliman told The Associated Press.

Aquino announced Tuesday that Soliman accepted his offer to return to the Department of Social Welfare and Development. He repeated a campaign promise to use his first days in the presidency to wage a battle against corruption.

"I will not only not steal, but I'll focus on combating smuggling and cleaning up the notoriously corrupt Bureau of Customs and other revenue-generating agencies.

Teresita Deles, who also defected from Arroyo in

2005, said Aquino will immediately reconstitute a peace talks panel negotiating with communist New People's Army rebels, who have been waging a rural-based Marxist rebellion since the late 1960s, and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, which is fighting for Muslim self-rule in the southern Philippines.

Both sets of negotiations stalled under Arroyo.

Aquino also told the AP last week that he will create a commission to look into allegations against Arroyo, his former economics professor.

2010 MARIANAS MARCH



FREE HPV VACCINE

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) causes most Cervical Cancers.

Department of Public Health Team Hinemlu will be administering the HPV vaccine during the Marianas March Against Cancer on May 14, 2010 at the Hopwood Jr. High School field 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Vaccines are available FREE of charge to girls ages 9 to 18 years of age. Girls must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Consent forms will be available at the site.

Marianas Medical Center will be conducting a FREE Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar screening available at the MMAC Shop beginning at 6:00pm until 10:00pm.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Thai plan to choke Red Shirts protest zone on hold

BANGKOK (AP)—The Thai government suspended its plan to cut water and electricity supplies to anti-government demonstrators camped in a posh central Bangkok neighborhood, heeding pleas from residents and foreign diplomats who live and work there. But it also withdrew an offer to hold elections in November, bringing Thailand's months-old political crisis back to square one, days after it appeared that a compromise was imminent. The "Red Shirt" protesters believe Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva's coalition government came to power illegitimately through manipulation of the courts and the backing of the powerful military, and have been demanding new elections in street rallies since March 12. Clashes with security forces and other violence have left at least 29 people dead and 1,400 injured.

Children in China school attack were as young as 3

HANZHONG, China (AP)—Children as young as 3 years old were among the victims targeted in an attack at a kindergarten in northwestern China that killed seven toddlers and two adults, a doctor said Thursday. The attacker who charged into the kindergarten

Wednesday and hacked at his victims with a cleaver was also a familiar figure to them, said another doctor. The killer, 48-year-old Wu Huanming, committed suicide at home following the attack. The assault, which left 11 other children hospitalized, was China's fifth such school rampage in less than two months, and occurred despite heightened security countrywide, with gates and cameras installed at some schools and additional police and guards posted at entrances.

8 SKoreans found dead in apparent group suicide

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Eight South Koreans were found dead in two separate cases of suspected group suicide, including five people who apparently inhaled toxic fumes together in a parked car, police said Thursday. Four women and one man—all in their 20s and 30s—were presumed to have inhaled the fumes by burning coal briquettes inside a parked car in Hwaseong, just south of Seoul on Wednesday, police official Song Ui-chan said. Song said two of the five left suicide notes, though he declined to elaborate on their contents. An investigation is under way to find out whether the five met and planned a suicide pact over the Internet, he said.

World

Dutch boy sole known survivor in Libyan jet crash

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—A 10-year-old Dutch boy lay in a hospital bed, head bandaged, skin pale and legs shattered—the lone “miracle” survivor of a plane crash Wednesday that killed 103 people in the Libyan capital. Most victims were Dutch tourists returning from vacation in South Africa.

Little was known about the dark-haired boy, who was rushed to a hospital in Tripoli where he underwent surgery for multiple fractures in both legs.

The barely conscious child muttered “Holland! Holland!” after he was found, a Dutch official said.

Libyan TV footage showed the boy, one eye bruised and swollen closed, breathing through an oxygen mask with multiple intravenous lines connected to his body and a monitor at his bedside. Doctors later said he was out of danger.

The boy appeared groggy as he was tended by a doctor in green scrubs and a veiled, gloved and masked nurse. The injured youngster wore a crisp pink gown and lay on a blue disposable pad. A bandage of layers of white gauze and hand-lettered with the date—5/12—covered his head.

The Libyan jetliner crashed

minutes before landing after a more than seven-hour flight across the African continent from Johannesburg. Little remained of the Afriqiyah Airways Airbus aside from its tail, painted with the airline’s brightly colored logo.

Sixty-one victims were Dutch, many of them families headed home after spending spring break in South Africa, according to the Royal Dutch Tourism Board. Authorities released no names.

Officials had no immediate explanation for the boy’s survival. The head of the European Parliament, Jerzy Buzek, called it “truly a miracle.”

WORLD BRIEFS

EU proposes new rules on avoiding volcanic ash

BRUSSELS (AP)—The European air safety agency proposed new procedures Wednesday that would drastically shrink the no-fly zone around volcanic ash particles—a move that should decrease future airspace closures and travel delays. Daniel Hoeltgen, spokesman for the European aviation safety agency, said the new solution adopts the U.S. practice of imposing a 120-mile (190-kilometer) no-fly buffer zone for all aircraft in the vicinity of any visible ash plume. This no-fly zone is hundreds of miles (kilometers) smaller than

the one used now in Europe. Last month, a large part of European airspace was closed for five days when ash from the Icelandic volcano drifted over northern and western parts of the continent. It forced the cancellation of 100,000 flights, stranded millions of passengers and caused losses of over \$2 billion to the airlines. Many airlines criticized the European airspace closures as an unnecessary overreaction.

Mexico fears current change may bring spilled oil

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexican officials fear the Gulf oil spill could reach their coasts if the leak is not stopped by August, when seasonal currents start to reverse

and flow south. They also worry about the impact of the upcoming hurricane season. So far prevailing currents have carried at least 4 million gallons of spilled oil from a damaged BP well toward the north and east, away from Mexico and toward U.S. shores. But those currents start to shift by August, and by October the prevailing currents have reversed toward Mexico. Carlos Morales, the head of exploration and production for the state-owned Petroleos Mexicanos oil company, said Wednesday that if efforts to quickly block the leak with new valves or other devices fail, it could take four to five more months to drill another well that would relieve the pressure fueling the leak.

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**
INVITATION TO BID
ITB10-DPH-105

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JUNE 09, 2010 TIME: 10:30 A.M.

**“PURCHASE OF SIX (6) LAPTOP
COMPUTERS AND SOFTWARE FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH”**

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATION MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THIS IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; AS SUCH, LOCAL PREFERENCE IS NOT AVAILABLE, BECAUSE ITS USE IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW GRANTING FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT.

/S/ JOSEPH K.P. VILLAGOMEZ
SECRETARY OF HEALTH

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP10-DPL-096

SUBMISSION: JUNE 15, 2010 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

**“TO CONDUCT SURVEYING SERVICES TO INCLUDE THE
PREPARATION OF PERIMETER AND TOPOGRAPHICAL
SURVEY, EIA, AND SUBDIVISION DESIGN INTO ONE
PACKAGE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS”**

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY IN LOWERBASE DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO MS. PATRICIA S. RASA, DIRECTOR, DPL PLANNING DIVISION AT (670) 234-3751/3752/53/57 OR BY FAX TO (670) 234-3755. **NO LATER THAN JUNE 03, 2010. CLOSE OF BUSINESS.**

PREFERENCE IS AVAILABLE TO U.S. CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS AS PER PUBLIC LAW 15-95 AND AS FURTHER AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 15-118 AND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE PROPOSAL IF PREFERENCE IS CLAIMED.

/S/ OSCAR M. BABAUTA
SECRETARY OF DPL

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

Joelyn T. Felizario
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Saipan, MP 96950
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pro se

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**
**JOELYN T.
FELIZARIO,**
Petitioner,

-v-
**SUZETTE
MARIE
PENILLA,**
Respondent.

**FCD DI
Civil Action
No. 07-0673**

**SUMMONS
BY
PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE NAMED
RESPONDENT:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to
appear within thirty (30) days after
the date of the second publication of
this Summons and defend the above
entitled action in the above entitled
court and answer the complaint of
the Petitioner and to deliver or mail
a copy of your answer to the
Petitioner whose address is P.O.
Box 506045, Saipan, MP 96950 as
soon as practical after filing your
answer or sending it to the Clerk of
Courts for filing.
Your answer should be in writing and
filed with the Clerk of this Court at
Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. If you
fail to file and answer in accordance
with this summons, judgement by
default may be taken against you for
relief in the complaint.
Dated this 3rd day of May, 2010.
/s/ Clerk of Court

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS LICENSING BOARD
P.O. Box 502078, #1242 Pohnpei Ct.
Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel No: (670)664-4809 Fax No: (670)664-4814
Email: cnmihcplb@gmail.com

Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) are hereby giving notice that it will hold its regular monthly board meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 3pm on Saipan. The meeting will be held at Conference Room #2 at the Dr. Jose T. Villagomez Center for Public Health and Dialysis Center, Lower Navy Hill, Saipan.

AGENDA
I. Meeting Call to Order
II. Determination of Quorum
III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes (4/21/10)
V. Chairperson's Report
VI. Director's Report
VII. Investigator's Report
VIII. Communications from the Governor's Office & Legislature
A. Governor's Office
B. Legislature
IX. Old Business:
A. Draft Regulations
X. New Business:
XI. Applications for Board's Review
A. New/Renewal Applications
B. Pending Applications
XII. Miscellaneous Business:
XIII. Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with counsel with pending or anticipated legal matters.
A. Dr. Taylor
B. Dr. Ramsey
C. Dr. Macris
XIV. Announcements
A. Next Meeting Date
XV. Adjournment of Meeting
/s/ Dr. Janet McCullough
Chairperson

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**
INVITATION TO BID
ITB10-DOC-074

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 02, 2010 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

**“SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF NEW USED OIL
SEPARATOR AND NEW OILY WATER SEPARATOR FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, CNMI ON BEHALF
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - DIVISION
OF ENERGY AND THE COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES
CORPORATION”**

COPIES OF THE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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/S/ MICHAEL J. ADA
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

/S/ THELMA B. INOS
DIRECTOR, DPW DIV. OF ENERGY

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

/S/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
SECRETARY OF DPW

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP10-OHS-099

SUBMISSION: JUNE 17, 2010 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

**“CLEANING SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF
HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING 1326 AND 1358**

COPIES OF THE RFP PACKAGE MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY IN LOWERBASE, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A MANDATORY SITE VISIT WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 03, 2010 AT 9:30 A.M., BEGINNING WITH BUILDING 1326 AND WILL THEN CONTINUE ONWARD TO BUILDING 1358. PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE SITE VISIT. FAILURE TO ATTEND THE SITE VISIT SHALL RESULT IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS.

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR. PATRICK J. TENORIO, SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR OHS BY EMAIL TO ptenorio@gmail.com NO LATER THAN JUNE 08, 2010. **CLOSE OF BUSINESS.**

PREFERENCE IS AVAILABLE TO US CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS AS PER PUBLIC LAW 15-95 AND AS FURTHER AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 15-118 AND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH PROPOSAL IF PREFERENCE IS CLAIMED.

/S/ PATRICK J. TENORIO
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR HOMELAND SECURITY

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**
INVITATION TO BID
ITB10-DOC-098

CLOSING DATE: JUNE 10, 2010 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

**“SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR
POWERED LED SCHOOL ZONE AND PEDESTRIAN CROSS-
WALK FLASHER/BEACON FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN”**

COPIES OF THE BID PACKAGE CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE QUICK PRINT AND POST FOR A NOMINAL REPRODUCTION FEE, CHALAN PALE ARNOLD, GARAPAN, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS ON OR AFTER MAY 10, 2010.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE CONFERENCE ROOM, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN ON TUESDAY, MAY 25TH, 2010 BEGINNING AT 10 AM.

THIS IS AN AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 PROJECT AND AS SUCH ALL MATERIALS PURCHASED MUST BE MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THIS IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; AS SUCH, LOCAL PREFERENCE IS NOT AVAILABLE, BECAUSE IT IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW.

/S/ MICHAEL J. ADA
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

/S/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
SECRETARY OF DPW

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**
INVITATION TO BID
ITB10-DOC-103

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JUNE 15, 2010 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

**“SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
FOR AN ARCHIVE HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE”**

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATION MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 02, 2010 AT 10:00 A.M. ON THE 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUILDING IN CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN.

QUESTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING AND ADDRESSED TO MR. IVAN A. BLANCO, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL STATISTICS DIVISION VIA FAX TO (670) 664-3067 OR EMAIL TO director.csd@commerce.gov.mp NO LATER THAN FRIDAY JUNE 04, 2010. **CLOSE OF BUSINESS.**

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/S/ MICHAEL J. ADA
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

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Attorney for Bank of Guam

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

BANK OF GUAM,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KARL T. REYES, et.al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. **08-0260-CV**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 21, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in the following parcels of property. *Please note: the “Brief Descriptions” below are solely for ease of reference, and the Bank of Guam makes no warranty, representation, or guarantee as to condition or improvements included with the parcels of property.*

1. Lot No. H-175-1, and more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2108/85, the original of which was recorded on July 25, 1985 as Document No. 85-1399 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office in Saipan, CNMI.

Brief Description
Located on the lot is a three storey, 22,764 square foot building, known as King's Plaza. King's Plaza, located in Dan Dan village across from the Joeten Dan Dan Building, has approximately 15, 274 square feet of commercial space of the first two storeys, with the third storey, consisting of 7,390 square feet, currently being used as residential space.

2. Lot No. H-175-NEW-R1, more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2097/96, the original of which was recorded on July 31, 1996 as Document No. 96-1905 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office in Saipan, CNMI.

Brief Description
This property is located directly behind King's Plaza, and is currently paved and serves as over-flow parking for the plaza. The area is zoned for residential use.

3. Lot No. H-175-NEW-2, more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2097/96, the original of which was recorded on July 31, 1996 as Document No. 96-1905 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office in Saipan, CNMI.

Brief Description
This property is located directly behind King's Plaza, and currently serves as over-flow parking for the plaza. The area is zoned for residential use.

4. Lot No. 019 J 13, consisting of 9,100 square meters more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 019 J 03, the original of which was recorded on July 30, 1993 as Document No. 93-2723 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office in Saipan, CNMI.

Brief Description
This property is located in Dan Dan village, just East of the Saipan International Airport, on the way to Naftan Point. Property is currently undeveloped and zoned for rural use.

5. Lot No. H-175-NEW-3, more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2097/96, the original of which was recorded on July 31, 1996 as Document No. 96-1905 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office in Saipan, CNMI.

Brief Description
This property is located in Dan Dan Village and is subject to a pre-paid lease, which will expire on December 18, 2044. Property is partially developed, but with no permanent structures.

6. Tract No. 22717, consisting of 49,998 square meters more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2001/76, the original of which was recorded on May 18, 1983 as Document No. 17256 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office in Saipan, CNMI.

Brief Description
This property is located in Talafofo village and is subject to a pre-paid lease which will expire on November 19, 2057. Property is undeveloped and is zoned for rural use.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on June 14, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 am, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public and will be held in reserve.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c) To reject any and all bids.

2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, PO Box 5003758 CK, Saipan, MP 9695, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749.

3. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash or cashier's check. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to the Bank of Guam.

4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and the Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold “AS IS” and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 29th day of April, 2010.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

REQUEST for PROPOSALS MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST RFP #10-02

INVESTMENT in a LOCAL HIGH YIELD PORTFOLIO EXTENDED

This is a request for any and all investment proposals from interested parties or firms seeking capital sources or funding for projects or ventures within the CNMI.

MPLT Board of Trustees has recently updated its Asset Allocation and determined that a percentage (5%) of its total investment portfolio (\$3.137 million) shall be devoted to a local investment program. This local investment program will be designated as high yield investments since the associated risks are much higher than those of publicly traded investment grade securities. The reasons for this are as follows:

- Challenges to obtaining sufficient capital for projects or ventures.
- Associated promissory notes cannot be traded or sold thus have no liquidity.
- Associated promissory notes are not rated and considered less than investment grade.
- Often the local private or public sector proposer's ability to repay the loan is challenged.
- Credit rating for such borrowers is often low.
- Ability to raise capital or obtain credit is limited.
- Maximum exposure for each investment cannot be controlled.
- Sufficient collateral beyond those acquired with loan proceed is limited.

As a high yield investment, MPLT may limit the duration to a preferred five years term but longer term may be considered. This is **not** a low-income or low interest rate program. Interest rates will be determined based upon risk and duration. Due to the higher risks associated with this type of investment, a risk premium will be added to the base interest rate.

Proposal information and guidelines under this program can be obtained at the MPLT Office as shown below. Further, as part of the fee, MPLT shall include fees for servicing costs, legal review fees, consult review fees. Therefore, each applicant shall be charged a non-refundable application fee of \$500 by Cashier's Check or Money Order, due upon submission of the application. Each proposer shall agree to and shall pay an origination fee of 1% on the approved investment amount, for the closing/administrative costs for any approved proposal.

Eight (8) copies plus one original of the sealed proposals must be submitted to the MPLT Office, Government Building #1313, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 2:00 PM, on **May 26, 2010**. Proposals must be sealed and marked "**Local High Yield Investment Program, RFP 10-02**". Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The MPLT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in its best interests. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the MPLT.

/s/ Phillip Mendiola-Long
Chairman



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-022

"CONSTRUCTION OF COVERED WALKWAY AT OLEAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **CONSTRUCTION OF COVERED WALKWAY AT OLEAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on April 30, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$25.10.

There will be a mandatory pre-site meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the Oleai Elementary School. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-site meeting. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 664-3715 or emailed to Mr. Rommel Mostales at rommel.mostales@cnmipss.com no later than May 20, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-022, and submitted with one (1) original and three (3) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, May 24, 2010 at which time the bids will be publicly open in the PSS Conference Room, 3rd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building. Any bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PSS RFP 10-025

"36 MONTH LEASE OF COMPUTER PRINTER/SCANNER/FAX COPIERS"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed proposals for a 36 month lease of up to 49 computer printers for the PSS schools and Central Office components. The firm(s) selected are to supply, deliver, install, maintain, and provide operational supplies for up to 16 computer printer at the PSS Central Office, Headstart Locations, PSS Warehouse, and up to 33 computer printers at PSS schools on Saipan, Rota and Tinian. The Proposal Package is available at the PSS Procurement Office or via e-mail request to robert.florian@cnmipss.org.

Interested firms are requested to attend a pre-proposal conference, in which questions regarding the capabilities and intended uses of the computer printers will be answered. The pre-proposal conference will held at the PSS Central Office Conference Room on the 2nd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan at 9:30 AM Wednesday, May 12, 2010.

Proposals must be placed in a sealed envelope marked "RFP# 10-025" and submitted in an original with five copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office situated on the 3rd Floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than Tuesday, May 18, 2010. Proposals received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

The Public School System reserves the right to make single or multiple awards or to reject any or all proposals if to do so is in the best interest of the Public School System. Inquiries regarding this RFP may be directed to robert.florian@cnmipss.org.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-036

"PAINTING OF DANDAN ELEMENTARY, SAN VICENTE ELEMENTARY, KAGMAN ELEMENTARY, CHACHA JR. HIGH AND KAGMAN HIGH SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **Painting of Dandan Elementary, San Vicente Elementary, Kagman Elementary, Chacha Jr. High and Kagman High School**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on April 30, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$34.55.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Public School Procurement Rules and Regulations, as revised through June 5, 1998, and in accordance with ARRA Section 1605, "BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS". Bidding Procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 60-40-205 of the PSS Regulations, "Competitive Sealed Bidding".

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on May 19, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than May 21, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-036, and submitted with one (1) original and five (5) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 9:00 a.m., local time, May 26, 2010 at which time the bids will be publicly open in the PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building. Any bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

This project is funded under the AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) with "Buy America" provisions.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer



NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION
P.O. BOX 500514, Saipan, MP 96950-0514
Email: nmhc@nmhc.gov.mp
Website: <http://www.nmhc.gov.mp>



NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
for
PROGRAM YEAR 2010
and
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
This ad is paid for by HUD Funds.

The government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands expects an allocation of \$880,551 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); \$647,474 Home Investment Partnerships (HOME); and, \$63,386 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds for Program Year (PY) 2010 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

CDBG funds, authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, may be used for a wide range of community development activities to revitalize neighborhoods, provide affordable housing, expand economic opportunities, and improve community facilities and services. However, use of these funds must meet at least one of the national objectives which include: 1) to benefit low and moderate-income families; 2) to eliminate slum or blight conditions; or 3) meet urgent community development needs.

The CDBG program requires grant recipients to certify that it will minimize displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with CDBG funds. The CNMI government does not plan on undertaking any activity which will cause displacement of persons. In the event of any unforeseen displacement resulting from any CDBG-funded activity, the CNMI government will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, its implementing regulation and applicable local law.

HOME funds may be used to create affordable housing through financial assistance, site acquisition, or improvement, and rehabilitating existing residential dwellings as well as providing funds for new construction or purchase of a single-family residential dwelling. Use of HOME funds must benefit low-income families.

ESG funds may be used to rehabilitate or convert buildings into homeless shelters and for shelter operating expenses, supportive services and homeless prevention activities. Use of ESG funds must benefit the homeless.

In order to plan ahead as to the use(s) of the PY 2010 allocation which is expected within the next few months, the NMHC which administers the CPD program on behalf of the CNMI government, will be conducting hearings to obtain public input on community development and housing needs, and to provide information to the public on the status of the approved ongoing CDBG projects. The public hearings will be held as follows:

1. On Rota, May 26, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at the NMHC Office, Songsong Village, Rota;
2. On Tinian, May 27, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at the CDA/NMHC Office in San Jose Village, Tinian; and,
3. On Saipan, May 28, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan.

Additional inquiries concerning the CDBG program may be directed in writing to the Corporate Director, or Jeannie P. Mafnas, Planner / Grant Writer, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. 500514, Saipan, MP. 96950, or by calling 234-6866 or 234-7689.

/s/ Joshua T. Sasamoto
Corporate Director



NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender, and employer.

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Rare 'King of Herrings' found off Swedish coast

STOCKHOLM (AP)—A maritime expert says a 12-foot (3.65-meter) Giant Oarfish—the world's largest bony fish—has been found in Swedish waters for the first time in 130 years. Also known as the "King of Herrings," the dead fish was picked up by a west coast resident who found it floating near the shore over the weekend. It was handed over to The House of the Sea aquarium in the town of Lysekil, where expert Roger Jansson says it's being kept pending a decision on what to do with it. Johansson said Wednesday the Giant Oarfish can grow up to 36 feet (11 meters), and is believed to live in deep waters. He says the last recorded discovery in Sweden was in 1879.

Peru moms celebrate their day in the boxing ring

LIMA, Peru (AP)—Forget brunch. Sports promoters in a Peruvian city are honoring its mothers by inviting them to slip on gloves and head protectors and try to punch each others' lights out. Sunday's Mothers Day bouts took place in a grassy, makeshift ring in Huancayo, at 10,500 feet (3,200 meters) above sea level. Ten women took a day off from farm work to spar in three-round bouts while clad in "polleras," the colorful, embroidered skirts typical of the Andean region. Some were knocked down by powerful blows, but quickly got back up. Promoters said the success of Peruvian boxer Kina Malpartida, the current world super flyweight champion, is inspiring women in Junin state to take up the sport. About 200 spectators were on hand.

Nebraska police nab alleged 'toilet paper' bandit

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Police said they suspect they've captured the "toilet paper bandit." A

man who concealed his face by wrapping his head with toilet paper robbed a Lincoln convenience store last month. Police said the man was armed with a knife, but no one was hurt in the robbery. He escaped on foot with an undisclosed amount of money. Capt. David Beggs said 29-year-old Joshua Nelson was arrested Saturday night. Beggs said a prescription pill bottle found near the store gave officers a clue to pursue. But he said it took until Saturday for officers to find enough evidence for an arrest.

Woman accused of forcing son to smoke in 'lesson'

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn. (AP)—An East Tennessee woman has been charged with forcing her 5-year-old son to smoke a cigarette. A Carter County deputy told the Johnson City Press that a 24-year-old woman was arrested Tuesday night on charges of child abuse and neglect, disorderly conduct and possession of marijuana. A jail officer said the woman was being held on a \$12,500 bond. Jail records did not show if the woman hired a lawyer. Deputy Cory Tidwell said that in response to a complaint by a witness he stopped the woman in a car and she told him she had forced her son to smoke a cigarette because "she was teaching him not to smoke." Tidwell also said he found a small bag of marijuana in the car.

Cops: Man awaiting sobriety test takes last swig

BELLEVIEW, Fla. (AP)—Authorities said a central Florida man took one last swig of alcohol while waiting to take a sobriety test. Marion County Sheriff's deputies stopped 61-year-old Dana Seaman after noticing his car swerve three times. Seaman said he'd been drinking and agreed to a sobriety test. But first, Deputy Eric Larson said he watched Seaman drink from a cup and toss it under the passenger seat.



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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-045

"GENERAL REPAIR WORKS AT DANDAN SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **General Repair Works at Dandan Elementary School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on May 7, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$35.50.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Public School Procurement Rules and Regulations, as revised through June 5, 1998, and in accordance with ARRA Section 1605, "BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS". Bidding Procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 60-40-205 of the PSS Regulations, "Competitive Sealed Bidding".

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on May 27, 2010, at 3:30 p.m., local time, at the Dandan Elementary School Library in Dandan, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than June 1, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-045, and submitted with one (1) original and five (5) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, June 7, 2010 at which time the bids will be publicly open in the PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building. Any bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

This project is funded under the AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) with "Buy America" Provisions.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PSS RFP 10-054

"STANDARDS AND BENCHMARKS FOR THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firms interested in "**Facilitating work on Standards and Benchmarks for the Career and Technical Education Program.**" The Scope of Work is available beginning March 14, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

There will be a Pre-Proposal Meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the COE Conference Room, 3rd floor Retirement Fund Building. Questions must be in writing and addressed to Jessica Barcinas Taylor, CTE Program Coordinator via fax to 670.664.3796 or e-mail to butterspirit@yahoo.com no later than June 7, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope marked "RFP 10-054" containing (1) Original and Three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Any proposals submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

This project is funded through a grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-037

"PAINTING OF WSR, HOPWOOD JR. HIGH, SAN ANTONIO ELEMENTARY, KOBLERVILLE ELEMENTARY AND SAIPAN SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **Painting of WSR, Hopwood Jr. High, San Antonio Elementary, Koblerville Elementary and Saipan Southern High School**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on April 30, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$34.55.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Public School Procurement Rules and Regulations, as revised through June 5, 1998, and in accordance with ARRA Section 1605, "BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS". Bidding Procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 60-40-205 of the PSS Regulations, "Competitive Sealed Bidding".

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on May 19, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than May 21, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-037, and submitted with one (1) original and five (5) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, May 26, 2010 at which time the bids will be publicly open in the PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building. Any bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-038

"PAINTING OF GTC ELEMENTARY, TANAPAG ELEMENTARY, GARAPAN ELEMENTARY, OLEAI ELEMENTARY AND MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **Painting of GTC Elementary, Tanapag Elementary, Garapan Elementary, Oleai Elementary and Marianas High School**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on April 30, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$34.25.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Public School Procurement Rules and Regulations, as revised through June 5, 1998, and in accordance with ARRA Section 1605, "BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS". Bidding Procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 60-40-205 of the PSS Regulations, "Competitive Sealed Bidding".

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All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-038, and submitted with one (1) original and five (5) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 11:00 a.m., local time, May 26, 2010 at which time the bids will be publicly open in the PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building. Any bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-039

"THREE (3) - 12 PASSENGER VAN AND ONE (1) CARGO VAN FOR JROTC PROGRAM"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the purchase of **THREE PASSENGER VAN AND ONE CARGO VAN FOR JROTC PROGRAM**. The Scope of Work is available beginning April 30, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund building, Capitol Hill, SAipan MP 96950. Fax requests may be sent to 664.3791.

Questions must be in writing and addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement Officer via fax at (670) 664-3791 or e-mailed to the following address: robert.florian@cnmipss.org.

Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope marked "IFB 10-039" containing one (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd Floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **May 19, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.**, at which time bids, will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-044

"GENERAL REPAIR WORKS AT GTC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **General Repair Works at GTC Elementary School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on May 7, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$40.35.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Public School Procurement Rules and Regulations, as revised through June 5, 1998, and in accordance with ARRA Section 1605, "BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS". Bidding Procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 60-40-205 of the PSS Regulations, "Competitive Sealed Bidding".

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on May 26, 2010, at 3:30 p.m., local time, at the GTC Elementary School Cafeteria in San Roque, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than June 1, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-044, and submitted with one (1) original and five (5) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 9:00 a.m., local time, June 7, 2010 at which time the bids will be publicly open in the PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Building. Any bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

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Science & Technology

Google tunes up search results, touches up logo

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Google is fine-tuning the way it presents its Internet search results to make it easier for people to find information and images they want.

The new tools being introduced will be accompanied by a touched-up Google logo featuring slightly brighter hues of red, blue, green and yellow with less shadow in the background.

Google's most noticeable changes will occur to the left of its search results. That area will offer more tools for reshuffling search results into specific categories, such as news, images, blogs and video. The new alternatives also will open more doors to other possible topics of interests.

The changes are part of the incessant tinkering that Google does to maintain its commanding lead in the Internet's lucrative search market. The company says it made about 550 revisions to its search engine last year alone, mostly tweaks to its closely guarded formulas for deciding



which results and ads to after processing a search request.

Google Inc. has been gradually offering more ways to slice and dice its results during the past two years. The latest changes are designed to encourage people to whittle Google's results more frequently.

Here's an example of how the new system might work: A search request about a scientific theory might cause the left side of Google's results page to provide links suggesting an exclusive focus on images or information pulled from books or videos. The categories appearing on the left side of the page would be different for a search request about a sports event. Those might point to blogs and news instead.

And search requests for merchandise are more likely to trigger an option that would allow the

user to click on a link on the left side of the page to include more or fewer search results.

Yahoo Inc. and Microsoft Corp., the owners of the second- and third-most popular search engines, already offered control panels that can carve search results into servings that suit individual tastes.

Google began sharpening its new tools in tests dating back to 2006, according to Johanna Wright, a director of product management for Google.

"We have just been waiting for our technology to be ready for something like this," she said.

Microsoft unveiled its Bing search engine 11 months ago in its latest attempt to pose a tougher challenge to Google. Bing's share of the U.S. search market has climbed from 8 percent to nearly 12 percent since its debut, but those gains have mostly been at Yahoo's expense. Google's share has been hovering at about 65 percent for the past year, according to comScore Inc.

23-year-old wins \$1M playing baseball video game

NEW YORK (AP)—Shh, don't tell your kids. Wade McGilberry just won a million dollars playing a video game.

The 23-year-old from Mobile, Ala., accomplished the feat in just an hour and a half, becoming the first to pitch a perfect game in Take-Two Interactive Software Inc.'s "Major League Baseball 2K10." He and his wife, Katy, plan to pay off their mortgage and start a family with the winnings.

"We are trying to be responsible with it. We are simple people," said Katy McGilberry, also 23.

It wasn't supposed to be that easy. In fact Wade has not been able to duplicate his feat since

March 2, the day he bought the game at its midnight launch and played it after coming home from his job as a records keeper for 401(k) retirement plans.

Take-Two offered the \$1 million prize to the first person to pitch a perfect game.

Jason Argent, vice president of marketing at Take-Two's 2K Sports business, said the company didn't know how many times the feat has been accomplished in the video game. Certainly no one among the game's developers has been able to do it.

In a perfect game, no batter from the other team ever scores or reaches a base. That means no hits, no walk and no getting

on base because he is hit by a pitch or for any other reason.

It is among the rarest feats in all sports. And "MLB 2K10" tries to simulate real baseball as closely as possible with the player sitting on the couch.

Off the couch, only 18 pitchers have thrown perfect games in the history of Major League Baseball, beginning with Lee Richmond in 1880 and ending with Mark Buehrle in 2009.

"We knew it would be difficult but not impossible," Argent said.

McGilberry said that when he bought the game, his wife suggested that he take the day off work so he could get a head start on the competition.

Skype to unveil group video chat function

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Internet calling service Skype plans a public "beta" test of a group video chat function that lets up to five people participate in a video call simultaneously.

When the feature launches next week it will be free, but Skype Ltd. plans to start charging for it along with some other upcoming features in three or four months, said Neil Stevens, general manager of Skype's consumer business segment.

Skype's software already offers a range of free services, including the ability to make voice or video calls and send instant messages to other Skype users. Users pay for services

such as making calls from a PC to a landline or cell phone.

Stevens said group video chat will first be available to those who use Skype on Windows PCs, and the company expects



to roll out a Mac version later this year.

Stevens said the feature is the one users have requested most.

Skype, which was sold late last year by eBay Inc. for about \$2 billion to an investor group that includes Skype's

founders, is also expanding its monthly subscription offerings to include calls to both cell phones and landlines in more than 170 countries.

The company's existing subscription plans include one that allows calls to more than 40 countries, but they focus mostly on calls to landlines. That is generally cheaper for the company than routing calls from the Internet to cell phones.

On Wednesday, Skype plans to unveil new subscriptions that let users choose which countries they want to call and whether they want to call landlines and cell phones or just one of the two.

? Q&A

Connections could be at fault in monitor issues

By **STEVE ALEXANDER**
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: I'm having problems with my new computer monitor, which works intermittently. At first it wouldn't work with my Dell Dimension 2400 PC, so I bought a new video card. The monitor worked for a while, then stopped. Now the monitor comes on, goes off, then comes on again by itself.—Shadi Hamam, Wilmington, N.C.

ANSWER: First check some basics. Is the video signal cable that attaches to the back of the PC connected tightly? If the connector is held in by screws, be sure they are screwed in all the way. If the connection looks OK, disconnect it to see if any of the connector pins appear to be damaged. A bent pin can be straightened with tweezers. Also check to see if the video card is tightly connected.

If nothing's amiss, try the new monitor with a friend's computer. If it doesn't work on another PC, the problem is inside the monitor and you should return it.

If the monitor does work with the friend's computer, then there may be something wrong with your PC's main circuit board, called the motherboard. If so, it may not be worth replacing the motherboard (which costs \$120 or more new) when you can buy a new desktop PC for as little as \$320.

Q: I recently installed Windows 7 on my laptop. But it won't automatically open an application window to full-screen size. I have to expand the page manually. What should I do?—Robert Ophcim, Plymouth

A: If your Windows 7 applications won't open in a full-sized window, Microsoft suggests downloading a new video driver from your laptop manufacturer's website.

Once the problem is solved, Windows 7 applications should automatically open to the same window size and screen location they had the last time they were closed. You should be able to use two methods to alter the window's size and location: Use the minimize-maxi-

mize control at the top right of the application window, or use the cursor to "drag" a window to a new size or a new part of the screen.

Q: We have two computers using Windows Vista, and both run the latest free version of AVG security software as well as Microsoft's Windows Defender software. But Windows Defender keeps getting turned off. Can the AVG software be the cause?—Bob Little, Surf City, N.C.

A: Several online forums report that, because AVG provides both antivirus and antispyware functions, it automatically disables Windows Defender, which is an antispyware program. Why? Running two similar programs at once may slow down your PC.

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DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

ISABEL CHARGUALAF PANGELINAN

Lovingly known as "Ebe Ben Migua"

Was born to life on October 19, 1919

Was called to her eternal rest by our Heavenly Father on May 09, 2010

In her new life, she now joins her:

HUSBAND: Vicente Blas Pangelinan
SONS: Juan & Lorenzo CH. Pangelinan
DAUGHTER-IN-LAW: Felisa S. Pangelinan
PARENTS: Jose Mafnas/Trinidad Ilano Chargualaf
PARENTS-IN-LAW: Juan Manahane/Juana Blas Pangelinan/Julian Reyes
SISTERS/BROTHERS-IN-LAWS:

Joaquin C. Chargualaf/Ana Isidro C. Chargualaf/Maria S. Emiliana CH. Lizama/Vicente Ana CH. Villanueva/Tomas Maria C. Demapan/Pedro Rita C. Benavente/Juan Vicenta C. Tudela/Roberto Juan I. Cepeda/Victoria C. Vicente I. Cepeda/Nicolasa M. Luis I. Cepeda/Trinidad Victoria CH. Camacho/Lorenzo T. Marcelina CH. Santos/Saturnino Gregorio B. Baza Virginia S. Chargualaf Rufina P./Simeon Matagolai Manuela P./Anselmo B. Sablan Maria B./Antonio T. Camacho

Her Memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Children and in-Laws: Felisita H. Pangelinan & Children Jose CH./Ofelia A. Pangelinan & Children Vicente (Junior) CH. Pangelinan & Children Trinidad (Darlene) P./Jesus A. Crisostimo & Children Rosalina (Ocha) P./Roman N. Santos & Children Francisco (Ankie) CH./Maria S.N. Pangelinan & Children Juanita (Anning) P./Jose L. Itibus & Children Magdalena (Denang) P./Mark B. Quitugua & Children

Brother and Sisters

Francesca I. Chargualaf Domingo I. Chargualaf Felisa CH. Baza

Reared Children:

Shirley Pangelinan Shiron Q. deLeon Guerrero Lorenza I. Romolor Rayna P. Santos Jocelyn Pangelinan

She will be missed by numerous nieces, 37-Grand Children, 62-Great Grand Children, 7-Great-Great Grand Children, nephews, friends & relatives.



Daily Masses is being offered at St. Jude Church Monday thru Friday, May 10-14, 2010 at 6:00p.m. and Rosary will be said immediately after the Mass. Saturday, May 15, 2010; Mass at 7:00a.m. and Rosary at 7:00p.m. Sunday, May 16, 2010; Mass at 6:00a.m., 8:00a.m., and 10:00a.m., Rosary at 7:00p.m.

Monday, May 17, 2010; Her remains will leave C.H.C. Morgue at 7:00a.m. and will be escorted to St. Jude Church follow by Responso and Rosary.

Eucharistic Celebration of Christian Burial at 10:00a.m. at St. Jude Church interment will be follow at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase ginen I Famagu'on yan Familia

Life & Style

DeGeneres, Winfrey on missing list for Emmys

NEW YORK (AP)—Between them, Oprah Winfrey and Ellen DeGeneres have won 11 Daytime Emmy awards as best talk show host. They won't add to that total this year, by their own choice.

DeGeneres took herself out of consideration for the award for the first time since starting her show.

"I feel my steroid use gives me an unfair advantage," DeGeneres joked in a statement on her website on Wednesday.

Winfrey hasn't submitted her work since winning her seventh Emmy and a lifetime achievement award in 1999.

There may be generosity behind the gestures, to give fellow entertainers the chance to stand on stage holding an award. It could also water down the award's meaning, with the knowledge that National Academy of Tele-

vision Arts & Sciences members are not truly evaluating the best in the field.

Think of the American League starting a season with the knowledge that the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox have decided that, no matter how well they do, they won't participate in the World Series.

This year's talk show nominees, announced Wednesday, are Rachael Ray, Bonnie Hunt, Dr. Mehmet Oz, Regis Philbin & Kelly Ripa and the five stars of "The View."

Bill Carroll, an expert on the daytime market for Katz Television, said the withdrawals of Winfrey and DeGeneres were gracious and don't cheapen the prize.

"I understand why Oprah and Ellen have made the decisions they made," Carroll said. "Does that lessen the value? Not really."



DeGeneres

Winfrey dominates the daytime talk market, her ratings often twice the nearest competitor. She has said her show will end next year, as she leaves to concentrate full time on a new cable network that will bear her name.

"The Ellen DeGeneres Show" is considered one of the shows most likely to pick up viewers in Winfrey's absence. It was the fifth most popular talk show last year, its ratings held down because of weakness on the NBC stations that air it, Carroll said.

The host of the second most popular talk show, Dr. Phil

McGraw, was not nominated this year despite submitting an entry.

Oz, whose medical show was nominated in its first year, expressed happiness at the nod.

"Our goal is to inspire a national conversation about health and wellness every day on our show, and I'm proud that our team's efforts are recognized by our peers with these nominations," he said.

There is precedent in the prime-time Emmys for actors not participating after a series of wins: Candice Bergen did not enter the competition for best comedy actress after win-

ning for "Murphy Brown" five out of seven years.

There's plenty of precedent on the other side, too: Jon Stewart's "The Daily Show" and the reality show "Amazing Race" are both riding seven-year winning streaks in the prime-time Emmy Awards.

DeGeneres still submitted her show this year for a best talk show category nomination, which it received. Winfrey doesn't participate in that category anymore, but the show is submitted for technical awards that honor members of her staff.

Generosity might not be the

only thing these women are thinking about in not submitting for their individual awards, said Tom O'Neil, an expert on entertainment awards shows at TheEnvelope.com. They may sense they've peaked with voters, he said.

Winfrey won every year from 1991 to 1995 but not again until 1999, when she shared the award with Rosie O'Donnell. DeGeneres had a four-year winning streak from 2005 to 2008, but "The View" team of Barbara Walters, Whoopi Goldberg, Joy Behar, Elisabeth Hasselbeck and Sherri Shepherd won last year.

"It's not a case of either one of them stepping away at the height of victory," O'Neil said.

Cannes focuses on emerging filmmakers

CANNES, France (AP)—This year's lineup at the Cannes Film Festival is leaner and less star-studded than usual, but you wouldn't know that from Wednesday's high-glamour opening ceremony.

Hollywood celebrities from Eva Longoria to Salma Hayek strutted their stuff on the red carpet for the premiere of Ridley Scott's "Robin Hood," which opened the French Riviera's 12-day film extravaganza.

The film's stars, Russell Crowe and Cate Blanchett, electrified the throngs of spectators who lined the red carpet hoping for a celebrity glimpse. Crowe, who plays the title role in Scott's muscular adap-

tation of the classic tale, sported sunglasses with his tuxedo.

Blanchett, Lady Marion in the film, donned an off-the-shoulder gown by late British designer Alexander McQueen. Emblazoned on the front and back by a silver eagle in flight, the dress was part of McQueen's pre-fall 2010 collection.

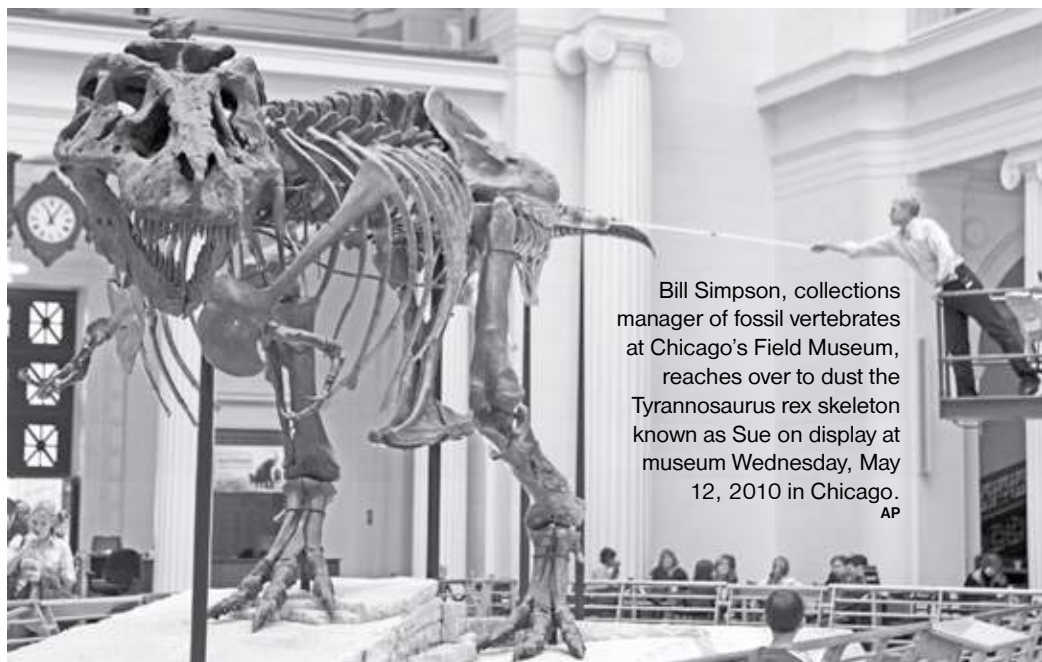
McQueen, a British designer who was widely considered among the brightest lights of contemporary fashion, committed suicide in February at age 40.

Indian actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, wearing a frothy gown in blue-gray lace, Britain's Helen Mirren in a black sheath and Mexican heartthrob

Gael Garcia Bernal filled out the ranks of the celebrities at Wednesday's ceremony.

Still, despite its high-wattage start, the festival's 63rd edition has fewer household names among the actors and directors to be featured here. The pared-down roster of 19 movies in competition is dominated by emerging filmmakers from Asia, Eastern Europe and elsewhere.

Jury president Tim Burton played down the relative lack of big names at Cannes, saying he and his fellow jurors—including British actress Kate Beckinsale and Puerto Rico's Benicio del Toro—were going into the competition without preconceptions.



Bill Simpson, collections manager of fossil vertebrates at Chicago's Field Museum, reaches over to dust the Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton known as Sue on display at museum Wednesday, May 12, 2010 in Chicago. AP

Field Museum cleans T. rex Sue for her anniversary

CHICAGO (AP)—One of the world's most famous dinosaurs is getting a cleaning before the celebration of her 10th anniversary begins at Chicago's Field Museum.

The Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton known as Sue went on display at the museum 10 years

ago this month, and museum officials expect big crowds at anniversary events scheduled through early December.

Bill Simpson is in charge of fossils at the museum, and he says Sue is the most complete and most famous T. rex on display in the world. He cleaned

the 42-foot-long skeleton Wednesday with a hose that gently blew off dust and a big bottle brush for hard to reach areas like nostrils.

Fossil hunter Sue Hendrickson discovered the skeleton in 1990 in South Dakota and will visit the museum later this month.

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Mon thru Thurs	4:25	7:10	

Russel Crowe, Cate Blanchett
 Adventure • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Ridley Scott helms a script by Sleeper Cell scribes Ethan Reiff and Cyrus Nowrasteh as they tackle this revisionist take on the Robin Hood legend, which finds the noble Sheriff of Nottingham attempting to deal with the exploits of a less than virtuous Robin Hood while gradually being drawn into a heated love triangle involving the legendary thief and the beautiful Maid Marion.



Letters to Juliet

Friday	4:05	7:20	9:45
Saturday	1:30	4:05	7:20
Sunday	1:30	4:05	7:20
Mon thru Thurs	4:05	7:20	

Amanda Seyfried, Chris Egan
 Comedy, Romance • Rated PG

Synopsis

An American girl discovers a love letter that changes her life in this romantic comedy starring Amanda Seyfried and Vanessa Redgrave. The setting is Verona, Italy—the city where Romeo and Juliet first met. In Verona, there's a wall where the lovelorn leave notes, hoping that Juliet will answer their inquiries about love. Sophie (Seyfried) is part of a team of volunteers who respond to the letters. When Sophie answers a letter from 1957, the woman who wrote it (Redgrave) decides to seek out the one that got away, and romance starts to blossom all around.



Iron Man 2

Friday	4:15	7:15	10:00
Saturday	1:20	4:15	7:15
Sunday	1:20	4:15	7:15
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Robert Downey, Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow
 Action • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

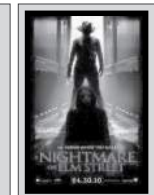
Paramount Pictures and Marvel Entertainment present the highly anticipated sequel to the blockbuster film based on the legendary Marvel Super Hero "Iron Man," reuniting director Jon Favreau and Oscar® nominee Robert Downey Jr. In "Iron Man 2," the world is aware that billionaire inventor Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) is the armored Super Hero Iron Man. Under pressure from the government, the press and the public to share his technology with the military, Tony is unwilling to divulge the secrets behind the Iron Man armor because he fears the information will slip into the wrong hands.



Furry Vengeance

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Saturday	1:10	4:30	7:25
Sunday	1:10	4:30	7:25
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Brendan Frazer, Brooke Shields
 Comedy, Children's/Family • Rated PG



A Nightmare on Elm Street

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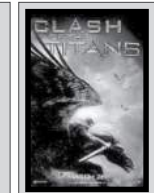
Jackie Earle Haley, Kyle Gallner
 Horror • Rated R



The Last Song

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Mon thru Thurs	4:20	7:05	

Miley Cyrus, Liam Hemsworth
 Drama • Rated PG



Clash of The Titans

Friday	4:00	7:00	9:30
Saturday	1:00	4:00	7:00
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Mon thru Thurs	4:00	7:00	

Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson
 Fantasy • Rated PG 13

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'Idol' curtain closes on Michael Lynche

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The credits have rolled on "American Idol" finalist Michael Lynche.

The 26-year-old personal trainer from Queens, N.Y., was cut from the ninth season of the Fox singing competition Wednesday.

Lynche was rescued by the show's judges five weeks ago,

but he received the fewest viewer votes following his predictable rendition of Michael Jackson's "Will You Be There" from "Free Willy" on Tuesday's movie-themed edition.

"It was tough," said the soulful Lynche. "It's a really big song."

Before Lynche's dismissal,

Bon Jovi took the stage for "Superman Tonight." Earlier in the evening, third-season winner Fantasia Barrino crooned "Bittersweet," and fifth-season finalist Chris Daughtry and his band sang "September."

Daughtry, who came in fourth place, told the contestants to "stay hungry, and ac-

tually don't compromise the music that you love."

The other finalists remaining in the singing contest are 24-year-old musician Crystal Bowersox of Toledo, Ohio; 24-year-old paint sales clerk Lee Dewyze of Mount Prospect, Ill.; and 27-year-old musician Casey James from Fort Worth, Texas.

Facebook not enough to bring Betty White to Oscars

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Facebook fans brought Betty White to "Saturday Night Live," and now they've got their eyes on the Oscars.

A page on the social network-

ing website, called Official Page for Getting Betty White to Host the Academy Awards, has collected more than 56,000 fans.

One commenter wrote that "Betty White would be one of

the best hosts ever!!!!!"

But the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences says it isn't ready to let Facebook make casting decisions for film's biggest night.

Spokeswoman Leslie Unger says the academy plans to continue with its protocol of allowing the producers to select the host that will best serve the show they're trying to put together.

Sean Penn pleads no contest to vandalism

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sean Penn pleaded no contest to vandalism on Wednesday, effectively ending a case in which the Oscar-winning actor was videotaped kicking a celebrity photographer.

Penn was not present in court and entered the plea through his

attorney. He was sentenced to three years of informal probation and ordered to perform 300 hours of community service, said city attorney's spokesman Frank Mateljan.

Mateljan says those hours can be completed through Penn's earthquake-relief ef-

forts in Haiti.

He was also ordered to undergo 36 hours of anger management counseling and stay 100 yards away from the photographer.

Penn was charged in February with misdemeanor battery and vandalism for the Octo-

ber dustup and faced up to 18 months in jail if convicted.

"Prolonging this matter in the court system would not have been in Mr. Penn's best interests and would have distracted from his charitable commitments, specifically his work in Haiti," Penn's attorney Richard Hirsch said. "Accordingly he has decided to accept the terms and move on."

Gay rights group wants apology from Newsweek

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A gay rights group is demanding an apology from Newsweek magazine for a recent story that it says suggested gay actors shouldn't play straight characters.

Spokesman Rich Ferraro says the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation hasn't gotten the apology it seeks, but that GLAAD's president and the Oscar-winning screenwriter of "Milk" participated in a Q&A with the magazine on Wednesday.

Some Hollywood stars blasted Newsweek and writer Ramin Setoodeh for an April 26 story that said it's OK for straight actors to play gay roles, but "it's rare for someone to pull off the trick in reverse."

Ryan Murphy, creator of the Fox series "Glee," called for a boycott of the magazine, and actress Kristen Chenoweth wrote a letter to the editor calling its story bigoted and factually inaccurate.

Boss's hint of cover-up means it's time to leave

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: I overheard my boss talking about something that sounded like a cover-up for an "accident" involving some people he doesn't like. I would like to report him to the police, but he knows I heard him and I'm afraid if the police question him, my little girl or I could wind up having an "accident," too.

What should I do? Several people are already in the hospital.

Dear Abby

WORRIED SICK

DEAR WORRIED: Because you are afraid you or your child could be in danger, find another job and put as much distance between you and your sociopathic boss as possible. And, as "insurance," discuss not only what you heard—but also your concerns—with your religious adviser before contacting the authorities "confidentially." All it takes for evil to flourish is for men (and women) of good conscience to remain silent.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a hospitalist, a physician who cares for hospitalized patients. When I enter a patient's room, I invariably find the television blaring. Usually the patient or family members will make no effort to mute the TV, and I must turn it off myself. Because they are paying me to communicate, I would assume they would want to hear what I have to say.

Occasionally patients have expressed irritation at having their TV turned off (they can turn it back on using the bedside control). It seems to me that good manners require one to turn off the television or radio or hang up the phone when the physician makes rounds. Am I wrong?

HOSPITALIST IN THE NORTHEAST

DEAR HOSPITALIST: You have my sympathy. Dr. Oz, Ellen and "The View" are stiff competition.

No, you are not wrong. Not only is it good manners, it makes good sense to give full attention to everything the doctor has to say, as well as be able to answer any questions free of distraction. However, because your patients may not be thinking clearly—if they were they would use better manners—you are absolutely right to turn off the set after a brief explanation why.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my wife, "Leigh," for seven years. We have two sons, ages 4 and 2. I love Leigh and our sons very much.

Over the years I became increasingly dependent on drinking (beer). I have never been abusive, but Leigh expressed concern about it. I didn't think the problem was anything we couldn't deal with.

A little over a year ago, Leigh's mother died of cancer. It has been an extremely emotional time for her, and she has now decided she can no longer tolerate my behavior. She's not even sure she's in love with me anymore.

Hearing her say it made me realize how big a deal my drinking is, and I am committed to changing. But after a month of trying, Leigh still says she would be better off alone. She is starting counseling soon. I told her I'd go with her.

This is a painful period for us, and I can't imagine my life without her and the kids. Is it too late?

SCARED SOBER IN AUSTIN

DEAR SCARED: That remains to be seen. One month of sobriety isn't enough to make up for years of being emotionally absent because you had a "buzz" going. Counseling may help you both, but you need more than that. If you are sincere about kicking the habit, you will join an alcohol rehab program. A listing for Alcoholics Anonymous is as near as your telephone directory—and so is Al-Anon, which could help your wife, who may still be grieving the loss of her mother.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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HAUTE COUTURE



AP

Actress Salma Hayek arrives at the premiere for the film "Robin Hood," at the 63rd international film festival, in Cannes, southern France, May 12, 2010, wearing an asymmetrical deep red Gucci gown. The fashion house said in a statement that Mexican actress' deep maroon hued sheath, with a single beaded strap, was from the label's exclusive Gucci Premiere line. A Gucci spokesman said the gown was part of a capsule collection of gowns made for the label's designer Frida Giannini by French couture ateliers.



AP

Actress Cate Blanchett arrives at the premiere for the film "Robin Hood," at the 63rd international film festival, in Cannes, southern France, Wednesday, May 12, 2010, wearing a gown by late British designer Alexander McQueen. The black ankle-length, off-the-shoulder gown, emblazoned on the front and back by a silver eagle in flight, was part of McQueen's pre-fall 2010 collection. McQueen committed suicide on Feb. 11 by taking a mixture of cocaine, sleeping pills and tranquilizers. He was 40.

SHOWBIZ TIDBIT

Larry King to interview Mick Jagger next week

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mick Jagger is going to be jamming with Larry King next week. CNN said Wednesday that King will interview the Rolling Stones singer about his career, the re-release of the Stones' album "Exile on Main Street" and the new documentary, "Stones in Exile." The "Larry King Live" interview with Jagger will air 9 p.m. EDT Tuesday, May 18.

Funeral for Lena Horne to be held in NYC church

NEW YORK (AP)—Lena Horne's funeral

is to be held at a Roman Catholic church in New York City. Celebrities, relatives and friends will gather Friday morning at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in Manhattan to remember Horne. The singer and actress died Sunday at age 92. A Frank E. Campbell Funeral Chapel spokesman says Horne's casket will leave the funeral home just before the 10 a.m. church service.

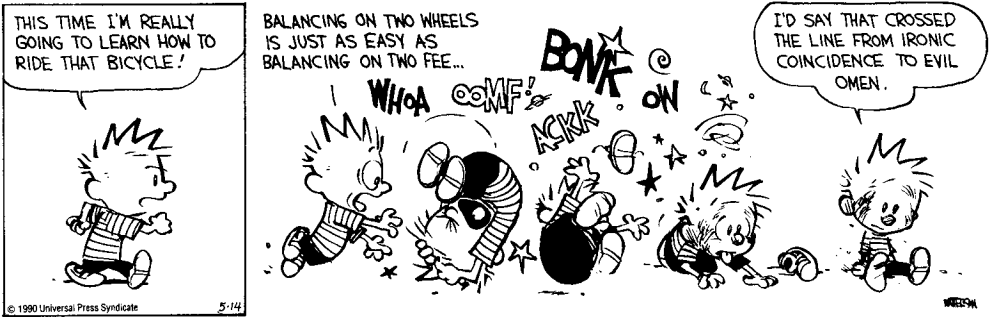
British actor sees Brown as Shakespearean tragedy

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The English actor who has played former British prime minister Tony Blair three times on screen sees

the political fate of Blair's successor, Gordon Brown, in lofty dramatic terms. During a Los Angeles interview, Michael Sheen said that Brown's situation would be a "brilliant kind of Shakespearean tragedy" if it didn't affect so many people. Brown resigned after last week's election went against his Labour Party. Sheen says Brown tripped on his tangled relationship with Blair and also in his repeated reluctance to make himself "vulnerable," including dragging his heels on calling a national election. Sheen portrayed Blair in "The Deal," "The Queen" and in the upcoming "The Special Relationship," debuting May 29 on HBO and available later in Europe.

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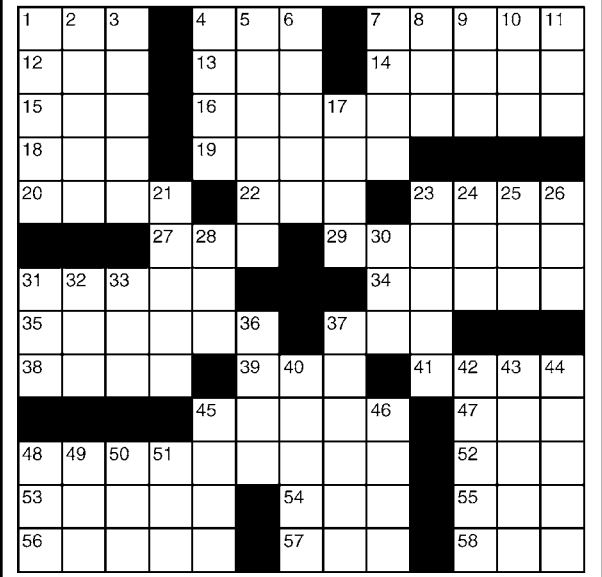
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49 Actor McShane
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Yesterday's answer 5-14



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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Trust your judgment. Take the initiative to try things that will motivate you to experiment and do more. Accomplishment should be your intent and finishing what you have left undone, your goal. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let your emotions play havoc with the decisions you need to make. You can have it all if you just forge ahead and put your know-how to good use. Don't let someone else's uncertainty bring you down. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Misrepresentation can be expected if someone has the impression you have something to offer that you don't. Be very clear about what you can do. It's best to undersell your talents right now and surprise everyone with the outcome. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't hold back. Lay your cards on the table and speak from the heart. The reactions you get will be better than you anticipate. An added

responsibility at home will be favorable and will bring you greater security in the future. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A disagreement over money will come between you and someone you are trying to make a deal with. This is not the time to be greedy but also not the time to give away too much. You will have to strike a balance and make sure whatever you offer is fair. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Relax and enjoy friends and activities you find inviting. Socializing will allow you to share ideas and expand plans you have for the future. Treat a lover relationship carefully or you may face complaints. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take in a stage production or go to the movies with a friend. You need to stimulate your mind, body and soul by being a participant. Today should be all about you and what you want to accomplish. Plan a special evening conducive to love and romance. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Forward thinking will be required. Be progressive and put your imagination and original ideas into play. Avoid anyone who is negative. Stick to the people who offer enlightening suggestions and positive input. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A relationship problem must be dealt with logically if you don't want it to turn into a costly matter. A skill you learn will come naturally and be satisfying. It's time for new beginnings—personally and professionally. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't take chances when it comes to finances or love. Update your personal papers to ensure that you will get the highest return. What you do now will help you build a financially stable future for yourself and your family. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't wait to do things when you should be getting the small, detailed jobs out of the way now. Don't let the stress of owing others get you down. Pay back whatever you owe. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): There is no time to rest. Plan your actions and execute what needs to be done with precision. Putting your ideas to the test is the best way to gain support and promote your objective. ****

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

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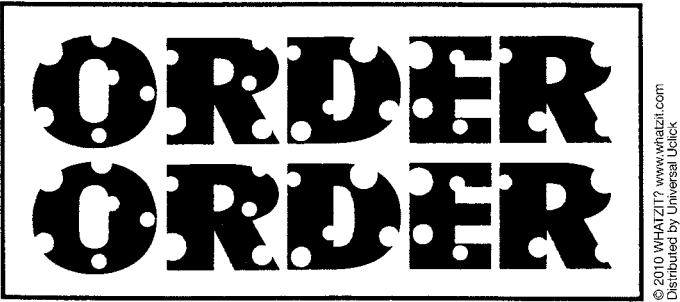
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: Special Assistant for Housing Programs
Opening Date: April 21, 2010 Closing Date: May 20, 2010
Salary: \$30,000 (Ungraded)
Job Location: NMHC Central Office, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950

Detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be picked up, together with NMHC's employment application form, during regular working hours at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan during regular working hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

Applicants are requested to submit their original application and supporting documents to the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, May 20, 2010 **OR MAILED AND POSTMARKED** no later than May 20, 2010, to the Corporate Director, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

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/s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
CNMI Judicial Branch

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Supreme Court is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

DEPUTY MARSHAL – Tinian, Marshal Service Unit

REQUIREMENTS: Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent and a minimum of two (2) years experience in law enforcement and/or one year college level education in criminal justice or other related field of study.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: Candidate must possess a valid CNMI driver's license and current police and traffic clearances.

COMPENSATION AND TENURE: This is an ungraded position appointed and served at the pleasure of the Chief Justice. Salary will be negotiable.

Interested persons should submit their resume and complete OPM application to the Honorable Miguel S. Demapan, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, at the Guma Hustisia/Imwal Aweewe/House of Justice, Susupe, Saipan. For additional information about the position and a detailed job description, see <http://www.justice.gov.mp> or call (670) 236-9716 or 236-9800. Resume and application must be received by 12:00 noon on May 21, 2010.

This project is supported in part by Grant Number 2009-SB-B9-0008 (FY09 Northern Mariana Island Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)Formula Program (dependent on the availability of funds) awarded to the CNMI Criminal Justice Planning Agency (CJPA) by the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice and the CNMI Government, and sub-granted by the CJPA Supervisory Council. The Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, coordinates the activities of the following program offices and bureaus: Bureau of Justice Assistance, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Institute of Justice, Corrections Program Office, Office of Juvenile Justice, and Delinquency Prevention, Office for Victims of Crime and Violence Against Women. Points of view or opinions contained within this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice or the CJPA Supervisory Council.

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HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

PROMOTIONAL & OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

It is the policy of the Board of Education, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, that the Public School System shall be applied and administered according to the principles of equal employment opportunity as defined by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Public Law 6 - 10, regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, handicap or place of origin. Applicants for this position must be a U.S. Citizen or be eligible and authorized to work in the U.S., including the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Announcement No: **PSS-2010-021** Position Title: **PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST I-IV**
Pay Level/Step: **24/26/28/30** Per Annum Salary: **\$16,858.38-\$28,807.51**
Opening Date: **May 12, 2010** Closing Date: **May 26, 2010**
Location: **PSS – Procurement & Supply Office**

Benefits: Salary Commensurate with qualifications and experience, plus excellent benefits (including Life Insurance, Retirement Benefits, and Paid Leave/Holidays)

Qualification Requirements:

Procurement Specialist I - Graduation from an accredited college or university with a BA degree, plus one (1) year work related experience OR High School Diploma, plus five (5) years work related experience.

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INTERESTED APPLICANTS MAY OBTAIN A DETAILED JOB DESCRIPTION WITH QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION FORMS AT THE PSS HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE AT THE 3rd FLOOR RETIREMENT BUILDING, CAPITOL HILL. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE ATTACHED TO COMPLETE APPLICATION FORMS: (1) COPY OF DIPLOMA/DEGREE; (2) TRANSCRIPTS; (3) POLICE CLEARANCE (FROM PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR PAST SIX MONTHS); (4) VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT LETTER; (5) RESUME; AND (6) TEACHING CERTIFICATE (IF APPLICABLE). COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE OR MAILED TO: CNMI PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, ATTN: HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE, RETIREMENT BUILDING; THIRD FLOOR, P.O. BOX 501370 CK, SAIPAN, MP 96950, and TEL. #: (670) 237-3051, FAX # (670) 664-3707. ALSO VISIT <http://www.cnmi-pss.org/humanresources> ON THE WORLDWIDE WEB.



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INVITATION TO BID ITB10-GOV-102

Municipality of Rota, Department of Public Safety (DPS), Administration and Operations Buildings Septic System

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the Municipality of Rota, Department of Public Safety (DPS), Administration and Operations Buildings Septic System, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

The project package will be available Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be no Pre-bid Conference/Site Visit for this project. Bidders are encouraged to visit the site to familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting their bid. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 11:30 p.m. local time on May 20, 2010 to Mr. Carl Castro, Project Coordinator, Capital Improvement Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB10-GOV-102"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, June 07, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time June 07, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 07, 2010 and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. June 16, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, June 17, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, on June 07, 2010.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid bond of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond. Performance time for completion of this project is ninety (90) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by ninety (90) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Lieutenant Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CUC-RFP-10-030

Supply of (2) Two 1825KW Power Modules for CUC Rota Power Plant

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified individuals or firms for the urgent supply of **(2) Two 1825KW Power Modules** for CUC Rota Power Plant, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The generator sets will be used to power the Island of Rota, while CUC take down existing generators for major engine overhaul and rehabilitation. The existing generator sets on Rota are seriously overdue for overhauls and the power situation on Rota is very critical.

Due to this critical situation in Rota, Offerors must have units available for delivery no later than Six (6) months or 180 days from the closing of this BID. Used Modules with low hours will also be considered.

A site visit and pre-proposal meeting is not planned, but Offerors who wish to visit CUC Rota power plant will be permitted with prior approval. All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on part of the Offerors due to a lack of information or understanding of the plant site conditions in the course of the Contractor's preparation of a bid or performance of work under the contract.

The Scope-of-Work will be e-mailed upon request, to all interested Offerors, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, until May 14, 2010.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a seal envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-10-030, Supply of (2) Two 1825KW Power Modules for CUC Rota Power Plant"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **May 20, 2010 at 10:00 AM**, (CHST) local time. Late submissions will not be considered.

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total proposal price must accompany the bid offer. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. A performance and payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety for proposal security or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. No advance payment will be authorized on the project or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (100% aggregate contract cost/CUC Beneficiary) or a payment bond. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Offerors must submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all offer and waive any imperfection in the solicitation for competitive sealed proposals, in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time on **May 17, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Procurement & Supply Manager via email at msablan@cucgov.net, Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director Power System Rehabilitation via email at wallon59@yahoo.com, Mr. Charles Manglona, CUC Rota Deputy Director at charles@cucgov.net and Mr. John Onedera, Power Division Engineer at johno@cucgov.net.

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
Assistant Executive Director for Operations

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA
Executive Director



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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Wakin's Bldg., Gualo Rai, Tel. 234-7145/7146/6293/6245
Saipan, MP 96950



NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION



Denyo Power SP Generator



17ft. 1990 Calais Boat; ID#0373PU



Engine

The Commonwealth Development Authority will auction a in board boat engine, generator and a 17ft boat on Friday, May 28, 2010. The boat and the generator may be inspected at the CDA Office parking lot in Gualo Rai.

The auction shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The items are being sold **"AS IS"** and **"WHERE IS"**;
2. The items are being sold **WITHOUT WARRANTY** of any type;
3. The public auction will be held at the **CDA Office Parking Lot** on **Friday, May 28, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.**
4. Full payment is required before items can be removed from the premises; and buyer is responsible for removing purchased items;
5. Terms of the sale are cash, credit card (MC and Visa) or certified check; and
6. CDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw this notice and postpone the sale.

/S/ **MANUEL A. SABLAN**
Executive Director

Yankees-Tigers split doubleheader



DETROIT (AP)—New York pitcher Phil Hughes was

sharp for seven innings, guiding the Yankees to an 8-0 win over Detroit and a split of their American League doubleheader Wednesday.

Hughes (5-0) struck out eight to help keep New York within 1 1-2 games of AL East leaders Tampa Bay.

Detroit pitcher Jeremy Bonderman (1-2) took the loss despite striking out a season-best seven in a season-long seven innings.

Alex Rodriguez's two-out single in the first scored Brett Gardner, who also singled and stole his 16th base this season. Mark Teixeira's two-out single in the third brought home Derek Jeter, who walked and stole second.

In the early game, Detroit won 2-0 thanks to starter Rick Porcello (3-3) who pitched seven innings in his best outing of the year. Magglio Ordonez scored and drove in a run in the sixth inning.

New York starter Javier Vasquez (1-4) lost despite allowing only an infield hit through the first five innings and striking out seven.

Rays 4, Angels 3

In Anaheim, pitcher David Price won his third straight decision, steering Tampa Bay to a narrow win over Los Angeles.

Price (5-1) allowed three runs in 6 1-3 innings, striking out six. Rafael Soriano, the sixth Rays pitcher, threw a perfect ninth inning for his ninth straight save.

Tampa Bay scored twice on passed balls by Angels backup catcher Ryan Budde.

Los Angeles starter Jered Weaver (4-2) had a career-high 12 strikeouts in seven innings, but was charged with four runs—one earned.

The Rays took two of three from the Angels for their first series win in Anaheim since 1999.

Blue Jays 3, Red Sox 2

In Boston, Shaun Marcum pitched seven shutout innings, leading Toronto to a tight victory against Boston.

Marcum (2-1) allowed just two singles, struck out six and walked only one. Kevin Gregg got the final three outs for his 10th save despite allowing an RBI double and a run-scoring single.

Travis Snider homered, doubled and drove in all three runs for the Blue Jays, who had lost its previous five games against Boston.

Red Sox starter Tim Wakefield (0-2) recorded his 2,000th career strikeout.

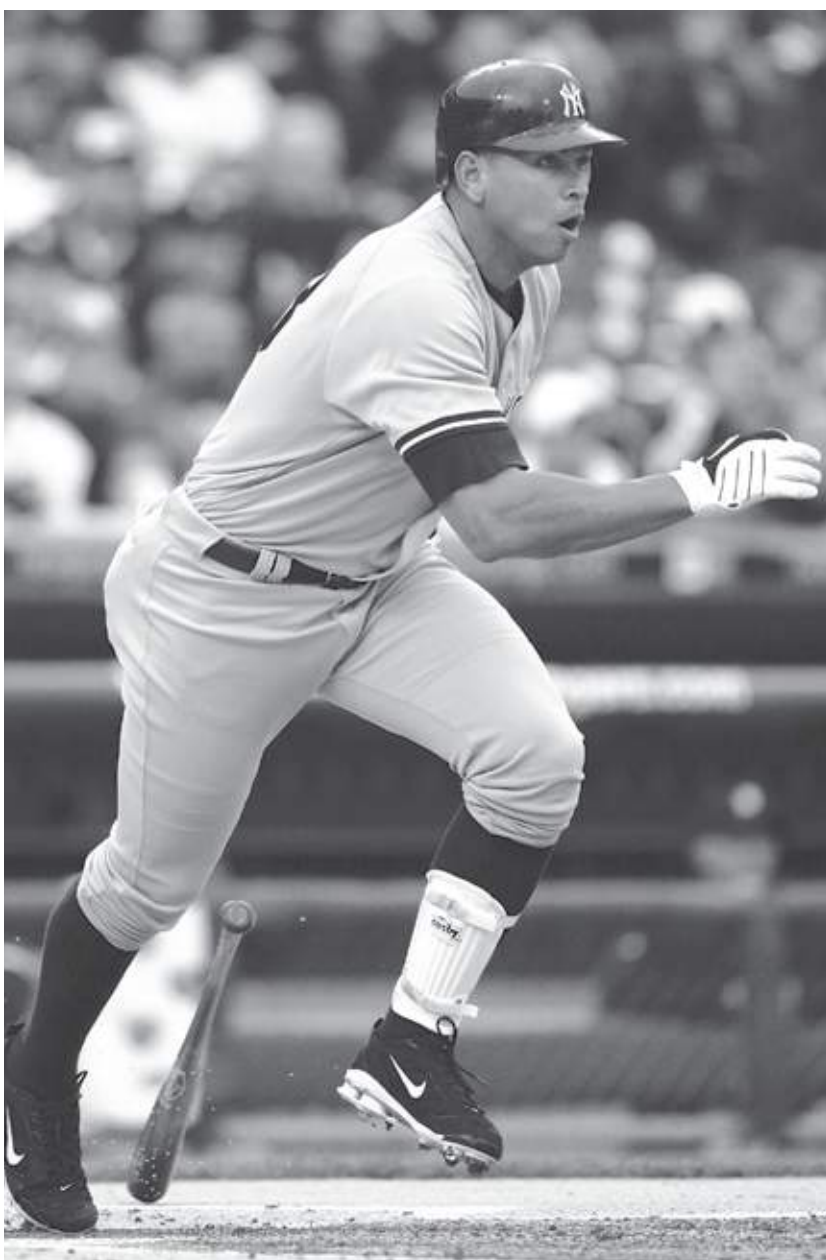
Rangers 10, Athletics 1

In Arlington, Derek Holland struck out seven in six shutout innings of his first major league start of the season, helping Texas rout Oakland.

Holland (1-0) walked only one while throwing 103 pitches after being called up from the Oklahoma City RedHawks to fill an injury gap in the rotation.

Josh Hamilton and Vladimir Guerrero hit consecutive homers, while Michael Young, Max Ramirez and Hamilton all homered and each had three hits to help the Rangers take over sole possession of the AL West lead, breaking a tie with the A's. Rookie Justin Smoak also connected as the Rangers had a season-high five homers and 17 hits.

Oakland starter Gio Gonzalez (3-3) took the loss.



New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez heads to first on an RBI single in the first inning of the second game of day-night baseball doubleheader against the Detroit Tigers, Wednesday, May 12, 2010, in Detroit.

Twins 3, White Sox 2

In Minneapolis, Denard Span had two singles and a walk to help Minnesota edge Chicago.

Twins starter Carl Pavano (4-3) got an overdue win. It was his fourth straight start allowing two earned runs or less, but Minnesota had been shut out in the previous two. Jon Rauch pitched a perfect ninth for his ninth save.

White Sox starter John Danks (3-2) took the loss.

Indians 4, Royals 0

In Kansas City, Russell Branyan hit a two-run homer to lift Cleveland over Kansas City.

Asdrubal Cabrera snapped an 0 for 16 skid with two-run single in the fifth inning for the Indians.

Fausto Carmona combined with three Cleveland relievers to shut out the Roy-

als. Carmona (4-1) lowered his earned run average to 3.43 and is already only one win shy of matching his 2009 total when he went 5-12.

Kansas City starter Kyle Davies (2-2) gave up six hits in five innings as the Royals lost their seventh straight.

Orioles 5, Mariners 2

In Baltimore, Brad Bergesen held Seattle scoreless into the eighth inning as Baltimore became the last team in the majors to reach the 10-win mark.

Bergesen (3-2) allowed one run in 7 2-3 innings, winning his third straight start.

Luke Scott homered and scored twice for the Orioles, while Adam Jones had three hits and Miguel Tejada drove in two runs.

The Mariners rank last in the AL in runs. Seattle starter Ryan Rowland-Smith (0-3) took the loss.

Padres 5, Giants 2

In San Francisco, Yorvit Torrealba drove in two runs against his former team to help the San Diego Padres beat the San Francisco Giants in a clash of the National League West's top teams.

The Padres increased their division lead over the Giants to 2 1/2 games and extended their record against the Giants this season to 5-0.

San Diego's Clayton Richard (2-2) won despite allowing seven hits for the fourth time this season.

Jerry Hairston Jr. hit a go-ahead RBI double in the fourth to put the Padres ahead 3-2, then Torrealba hit his second RBI single of the game in the sixth. Scott Hairston added a sacrifice fly in the seventh.

San Francisco starter Matt Cain (2-2) walked six and allowed five earned runs.

Nationals 6, Mets 4

In New York, Roger Bernadina hit his first two major league homers, including a tiebreaking shot in the ninth inning, and made a marvelous catch to lead Washington over New York.

Cristian Guzman singled off Mets closer Francisco Rodriguez (2-1) with one out in the ninth. One out later, Bernadina, known for speed but not power, homered for his third hit of the game.

Nationals starting pitcher Craig Stammen drove in three early runs with a pair of hits. Washington took two of three from New York to win their third straight series.

Nationals reliever Tyler Clippard (7-1) worked a hitless eighth to take the win.

Rockies 4, Phillies 3, 10 innings

In Denver, Miguel Olivo went 5 for 5, including a leadoff home run in the 10th inning to lift Colorado over Philadelphia.

The second game of the doubleheader was postponed because of rain and snow.

Olivo sent the first pitch from Chad Durbin (0-1) far over the left-field wall, flipping his bat in celebration as he compensated for a 2-for-28 slump entering the game.

Brad Hawpe hit a tying, two-run triple in the seventh for Colorado.

Rockies reliever Joe Beimel (1-0) threw 1 1-3 scoreless innings to take the win on a cold and windy day that followed overnight snow.

Reds 5, Pirates 0

In Pittsburgh, Homer Bailey became the latest Cincinnati starter to pitch a gem against Pittsburgh, getting his first career

complete game as the Reds completed a three-game sweep.

Cincinnati became the first team in the majors in 10 years to pitch back-to-back, complete-game shutouts without a walk.

Joey Votto and Drew Stubbs homered and Brandon Phillips added two hits for the Reds, who have won five in a row and outscored the Pirates 16-1 in the series.

Pittsburgh starter Zach Duke (2-4) lost his fourth consecutive decision.

Astros 9, Cardinals 6

In St. Louis, Wandy Rodriguez opened with five scoreless innings to steer Houston past St. Louis.

Rodriguez (2-4) allowed only one hit in the first five and took the win despite allowing four hits in the sixth.

Cardinals shortstop Brendan Ryan endured a second straight two-error game and his fielding miscue in the fourth helped the Astros score five unearned runs to go ahead 6-1. Jeff Keppinger's three-run double and Lance Berkman's fourth homer of the season, which glanced off a foul pole, came on consecutive pitches from Kyle Lohse (0-3).

Cubs 4, Marlins 3

In Chicago, Mike Fontenot, removed from the job as starting shortstop, hit a two-run double as Chicago edged Florida.

Cubs starter Carlos Silva (4-0) went 6 1-3 innings and gave up two runs. He allowed baserunners in all but one inning but stayed out of trouble. Carlos Marmol worked 1 1-3 innings for his fifth save.

Ronny Paulino hit a tying, two-run single with two outs in the fourth, while Marlon Byrd added an RBI double.

Marlins starter Chris Volstad (3-3) conceded four runs in six innings.

Dodgers 6, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Hiroki Kuroda struck out nine as Los Angeles completed a three-game sweep of Arizona.

Kuroda (4-1) allowed three runs, two earned, in 7 1-3 innings.

Manny Ramirez had three RBIs for the Dodgers.

Adam LaRoche drove in three runs for Arizona, which lost all six games of a homestand.

Diamondbacks starter Edwin Jackson (1-5) gave up six runs in 6 2-3 innings.

Braves 9, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Brooks Conrad homered, doubled and drove in four runs as Atlanta roughed up Milwaukee's bullpen.

With Chipper Jones out of the starting lineup because of a sore groin, Conrad filled in and hit a two-run homer in the eighth and added a two-run double off Brewers closer Trevor Hoffman in the ninth. Jones pinch-hit in the ninth and had an RBI double.

Jason Heyward hit a hard shot off first baseman Prince Fielder's glove for Atlanta's go-ahead double in the seventh inning. The Braves scored twice in the seventh off Milwaukee reliever Manny Parra (0-2).

Braves starter Derek Lowe (5-3) was untouchable early on, holding the Brewers hitless through the first four innings.

Woods says he has inflammation of neck joint



ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—

Tiger Woods said tests Wednesday showed an inflamed neck joint that causes pain and makes it hard to turn his head, an injury that will require little more than medicine, massages and rest.

Woods had an MRI that revealed inflammation in a facet joint of his neck. He said on his website that when facet joints are inflamed, it causes pain in the area along with headaches and difficulty rotating the head.

He withdrew from the final round of The Players Championship on Sunday after a week in which he was seen stretching and rolling his neck. Woods said his neck had been bothering him since before he returned from a five-month layoff at the Masters, and that it was not related to the Nov. 27 car accident when he ran into a tree, setting off revelations of infidelity.

"I now need to take care of this condition and will return to playing golf when I'm physically able," Woods said.

Woods said treatment will include physical therapy, such as soft-tissue massage, rest and anti-inflammatory medicine. He said the prognosis was for a full recovery, and while the lay-off is not expected to be long, rehab can vary.

Woods said in a press conference this week that he hoped to be able to defend his title at the Memorial, which starts June 3 at Muirfield Village. His next tournament will be his first without swing coach Hank Haney, who stepped aside Monday.

LeBron, Cavaliers still confident

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio (AP)—As a nation of critics dissected his rare poor playoff game, questioning his effort, digging for deeper clues about his future and wondering if he has what it takes to win an NBA championship, LeBron James worked on his jumper.

As panic spread through the region, swallowing his nearby hometown of Akron and causing further damage to Cleveland's badly damaged sports psyche, James exuded calm.

There's nothing he can do about Game 5. It's history.

Game 6 in Boston, however, is a chance for redemption and James believes Cavaliers fans should be confident.

Why?

"They got me," he said.

But which one? The league's two-time MVP? Or the guy who made 1 of 11 shots from the outside, stood around passively on offense as the Celtics pulled away to take a 3-2 series lead and then raised eyebrows afterward by not being accountable and saying, "I spoil a lot of people with my play."

One day after scoring 15 points in the 120-88 loss—the Cavaliers' worst in playoff history—and being booed by fans who wonder if they'll ever see him play in person again, James, who can leave Cleveland as a free agent on July 1, said he and his teammates understand their season, the one that was supposed to end with a downtown parade, is on the brink.

"It's win or go home at this point," he said. "All these guys understand what's at stake and we look forward to it."

Backed up against a wall, both

literally and figuratively, James spent nearly 12 minutes after practice on Wednesday answering questions from a media throng about the health of his injured elbow; outside criticism directed at Cavaliers coach Mike Brown; his legacy; and post-game comments by Cavs owner Dan Gilbert that his All-Star laden team isn't fulfilling high expectations.

And for the first time, James referred to his elbow injury as "an issue I'll deal with in the offseason."

James was in a better mood than after Game 5, when he was somewhat somber and spoke with a sense of resignation that he had done all he could. He engaged in a competitive shooting game—at the basket closest to the TV cameras—with teammates before talking to reporters.

At one point, he even joked he should be given preferential treatment because of his elbow, which has been diagnosed as a sprain and is clearly affecting his shot.

"I've got a handicap sticker on," he yelled to teammates. "You've got to give me special privileges."

His tone and body language on and off the floor in Game 5 were puzzling for Clevelanders, who have rarely seen him in anything but in assault-the-rim mode. James never got into the flow. He attempted just four shots in the first half, didn't make his first field goal until late in the third quarter and was essentially a non-factor in the Cavs' biggest game this season.

It was shocking. For everyone.

James, though, chalked it up to an "off" shooting night and was dismissive about

being disheartened by his effort.

"Me? Personally?" he said. "Nah, I'm not disappointed. I'm never disappointed in my play. I feel like I could do more, but I'm not disappointed at all."

James said his cool postgame disposition was nothing new. He wasn't going to bang the table or yell and scream. That wouldn't be him. But that doesn't mean he isn't mad about being one loss from elimination and missing his best chance at his first title.

"It's just who I am," he said. "I'm not going to show you that I'm angry. If I show a sense of panic, guys follow my lead. If I come over here and panic and say, 'We lost by 30 and we don't know what to do.' That's not right. It's not who I am. It's never been who I am."

Cleveland has been outplayed by Boston for the majority of the series. The Cavaliers have had no answer for Celtics point guard Rajon Rondo, the Cavs' defense has been suspect and the lack of in-game adjustments have brought renewed heat to Brown, who is in his fifth season.

Gilbert, who sat courtside in shock as the Cavs were blown out for the second straight home game, expressed frustration at his team's lack of effort. In comments to cleveland.com, he seemed to lay some of the blame on Brown.

"The entire franchise has done everything in its power to put all our players and its coaching staff in the best possible positions to execute when it counts," Gilbert told the Website. "The last two home playoff losses and the manner in which we lost these game does not come close to being anywhere near the high expectations all of us

have of our organization. Our fans and supporters deserve more."

James respects Gilbert's view, even though he may not share it.

"I don't get involved in what owners say," he said. "That's how he feels. As players, we go out there and it's not like we're not giving a great effort or trying to play hard. It's not like we go out in a game and say, 'Let's not play hard for the fans.' When you lose bad like that, we hurt just as much as they hurt. But as professionals, we've just got to play a little better."

James had better or his image will continue to take a beating.

His very un-LeBron-like performance in Game 5 led to a skewering by national columnists and sports talk

radio hosts, some of whom questioned his passion and desire to be great.

Already considered one of the game's most skilled players James place among the all-time greats will be judged by the number of titles. And unless he does something drastic, No. 1 will remain elusive.

He torched the Celtics for 38 points in Cleveland's win in Game 3, and he can quiet his doubters by leading the Cavs to victory in Game 6.

"I just need to play well," he said. "It's not just me. It's everyone. I put a lot of pressure on me, of course. That's just the type of player I am and that's how I hold myself accountable."

"I need one of those games and I look forward to having one."

NBA BRIEFS

Abdul-Jabbar weighs in on LeBron

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Kareem Abdul-Jabbar says the NBA should raise its minimum age for entry into the league to 21. And he has some thoughts on the tough night for LeBron James. The NBA's career scoring leader was in Omaha, Neb., to speak at a B'nai B'rith sports banquet Wednesday. He also met with students at Boys Town, the nationally acclaimed home for troubled youth. James had one of the worst playoff games of his career Tuesday night, finishing with 15 points as the Cavaliers were blown out by Boston. Abdul-Jabbar says even James would have benefited from college and would have arrived in the NBA with "very polished" skills. The NBA in 2005 changed its entry age to 19. Abdul-Jabbar says many young players arrive unprepared for both on- and off-the-court challenges.

Heat's Wade faces ex-partners in restaurant suit

MIAMI (AP)—Miami Heat star Dwyane Wade will be in a different kind of court as he faces trial in a \$25 million lawsuit filed by his former partners in a failed restaurant venture. Jury selection was set to begin Wednesday in the case over the defunct D. Wade's Place chain. Wade's former partners claim he broke a contract by demanding higher compensation and then abandoning the deal in 2008. Wade contends in court documents he had every right to end the business relationship. His lawyer says the all-NBA guard plans to attend the two-week trial and is likely to testify. Wade is also involved in a messy divorce and faces two other lawsuits over business dealings. One of them involves Miami-based charter schools that were supposed to bear his name.

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Rebels dominate NMC Basketball Intramurals

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Rebels claimed the championship of the Northern Marianas College Intramural Basketball games for the Spring 2010 semester on May 7, right before the college's 2010 Charter Day festivities kicked off.

NMC's intramural games,

which also includes volleyball, is a goodwill competition where NMC students and staff form teams to compete.

Rebels were also the regular season pennant champions, finishing with only one loss to the Mantas. Regular season games were held on Fridays throughout the semester.

The Rebels first ran over Taya Bida, 50-29, in the semifinals to advance to the championship game, where they crushed Ran-

som, 68-43, for the title.

Rebels team members include Ray MacDuff, Syl Teregeyo, Robert Naraja, Derrick Aughenbaugh, Ichnis Kapwich, Jomar Tumaquip, and Joseph White.

Other teams that played in the Spring 2010 Semester Intramurals included Kukarachaz, Lucky Charms, 670, Todu Klasi, Hoopsters, and Fantastic 7.

Right after the semifinals a free throw and 3-point shoot-

ing contest took place. Ivan De Vero of Ransom dominated the 3-point shooting contest and

Jack Kiyoshi of Mantas ruled the free throw contest.

Jack Lizama topped the sea-

son's scoring leaders, putting up a total of 155 points on the board for Team 670.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The Northern Marianas College recently held their Spring 2010 Championship Intramural Basketball games on May 7, 2010 at the NMC Gymnasium. In the photo are players from Rebels who reigned supreme after defeating Ransom, 68-43, in the championship game.

FIELDERS

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single and was driven in by Jason Reyes.

The Brewers were stuffed again in the bottom half, and with a one-run lead after seven the Fielders smelled blood.

Ryan Ada led off with a double and Ryan Lisua came next

and reached with a single.

An out later, Maritita singled in Ada and stole second.

After Maratita reached base, the Brewers called on Reno Celis to be their second reliever of the night.

But John Reyes came up anyways and jacked a three-run homerun to make it 10-6 Fielders with one out.

Aughenbaugh singled and

Mendiola got hit by a pitch before both runners scored off some bad throws from the outfield.

The Brewers were deflated after the Fielders' big offensive barrage and went 1-2-3 in the bottom half.

The final score remained at 13-6 Fielders after neither team scored in the ninth.

The Fielders won a chance to play a Game 4 at 6:30pm tonight

at Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield where they have to win again to force a winner-take-all Game 5.

Notables of the game included John Reyes and Mendiola. Reyes batted 2-for-3 with a three-run homer, two walks, three RBIs, and four runs.

Mendiola batted 1-for-4 with three RBIs, and two runs. Mendiola also pitched a complete

game and gave up four earned runs with seven strikeouts, 11 hits, two walks, and hit a batter. After escaping a rough third

inning, Mendiola settled down and pitched six shutout innings and allowed only three hits for the rest of the contest.

MICRO

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Besides these four sports, the CNMI will also send representatives in lawn tennis, triathlon, and spearfishing competitions.

The Marianas Apnea

Spearfishing Club was the latest group to confirm its commitment to the Micro Games. The group completed its trials and had selected Derek San Nicolas, Felix Sasamoto, and Morita Asai to defend the Commonwealth's title in Palau.

Table tennis was scrapped

from the list of teams sending delegates to Palau, as White announced at the meeting that the CNMI netters were having problems with the uncertainty on immigration rules in the Commonwealth.

However, Marianas Amateur Table Tennis Association presi-

dent Steve Lim said in an e-mail to *Saipan Tribune* that there is still a glimmer of hope left as far as the ping-pong players' chances to go to Palau is concerned. He declined to explain further, but said they are finding ways to make it to the Micro Games and defend their overall title.

PIC

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against TBK Auto Care.

PIC stole the victory after it recovered from a 13-point deficit and Darwin Barbo and James Abuy hit clutch baskets in the homestretch.

Barbo's steal and layup finally put PIC in the lead, 82-81, and Abuy followed it up with a triple for an 85-81 cushion, with 2:14 left on the clock.

However, PIC had successive misses in the ensuing play allowing TBK to tie the game, 85-all, on Raymark Castro and Bart Demapan's layups. Another PIC botched play returned possession to TBK with Demapan controlling the rebound and drawing a foul from Barbo.

With 30 seconds left, Demapan had a chance to put TBK back in the lead, but missed both charities.

Barbo collared the rebound, went for an isolation play from

the left wing, and drew a foul from Demapan. Barbo stepped up to the stripe and calmly sank the two free throws, ignoring TBK supporters who were egging him on to miss the charities.

After Barbo's second free throw went in, Demapan quickly inbounded the ball and passed it to Castro. Castro tried to avoid PIC's trapping defense, but he ran out of space, stepping out of the right sideline after passing midcourt.

With three seconds left, PIC regained possession and Kae Bernardo gave up a preemptive foul on Abuy. Abuy made the first free throw and intentionally missed the second. PIC and TBK players then battled for the rebound as time expired.

PIC advanced to the quarterfinals and will face No. 3 Fiesta Resort & Spa on Sunday.

Things did not look good for PIC at the end of the third period when TBK started pulling away, 70-57, behind Castro's fastbreak layups and Jun Panta-

leon's triples.

However, PIC started the fourth canto with a 10-0 run, pressuring TBK from the backcourt and pushing the latter's big men out of the paint. With only three minutes gone by in the fourth, PIC was back, trailing by only three, 67-70. PIC continued their uphill climb, while TBK focused more on complaining to referees than doing the things that helped the team lead by as much as 13 in the third.

In the first game, Aqua Resort Club recovered from a slow start and leaned on a balance offense to oust Pepsi.

Aqua Resort trailed at the end of the first period, 14-15, but went back to business in the second canto to foil Pepsi's upset bid. Aqua Resort had six of its seven players scoring in double figures.

Next up for Aqua Resort will be the No. 4 seed Mobil Oil with the latter having a slight edge on the former. Mobil beat Aqua Re-

sort, 84-81, in their lone meeting in the regular season.

The first round of the playoffs will continue tomorrow with McGraw-Hill facing Shirley's in the first game at 6:30pm and Bank of Guam challenging AON/NJ Pro Plus in the second match at 8pm.

First Game

Aqua 91 – Mina 19, Johanes 17, Achas 14, Lizama 14, Gapor 12, Aquino 11, Acosta 4.

Pepsi 82 – Lauron 38, Lansang 14, Garon 14, Cepeda 8, Sarmiento 6, Obnimaga 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-15, 40-31, 58-48, 91-82

Second Game

PIC 88 – Jung 19, Barbo 19, Abuy 16, Williams 15, Sublemante 11, Yabut 8.

TBK 85 – Pantaleon 22, Bernardo 18, Castro 16, Capalad 13, Demapan 10, De Vero 6, Laquian 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-21, 41-42, 57-70, 88-85.



TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA LEADERS

Scoring					
	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Wade, MIA	5	62	27	166	33.2
Anthony, DEN	6	64	50	184	30.7
James, CLE	10	98	79	293	29.3
Bryant, LAL	10	95	64	269	26.9
Rose, CHI	5	57	18	134	26.8
Nowitzki, DAL	6	58	40	160	26.7
Durant, OKC	6	43	54	150	25.0
Williams, UTA	10	67	89	243	24.3
Richardson, PHX	10	77	31	219	21.9
Stoudemire, PHX	10	74	57	205	20.5
Nelson, ORL	8	56	33	164	20.5
Westbrook, OKC	6	43	32	123	20.5
Billups, DEN	6	37	37	122	20.3
Gasol, LAL	10	75	52	202	20.2
Boozer, UTA	10	89	19	197	19.7
Butler, DAL	6	43	25	118	19.7
Ginobili, SAN	10	58	58	194	19.4
Aldridge, POR	6	40	33	114	19.0
Duncan, SAN	10	78	33	190	19.0
Deng, CHI	5	37	19	94	18.8

FG Percentage

	FG	FGAPCT
Howard, ORL	40	59 .678
Thomas, CHA	15	24 .625
Millsap, UTA	70	122 .574
Bynum, LAL	44	78 .564
Gasol, LAL	75	133 .564
Wade, MIA	62	110 .564
Nowitzki, DAL	58	106 .547
Lewis, ORL	47	87 .540
Garnett, BOS	65	122 .533
Boozer, UTA	89	168 .530

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Boozer, UTA	10	33	99	132	13.2
Gasol, LAL	10	42	89	131	13.1
Noah, CHI	5	20	45	65	13.0
Howard, ORL	8	22	68	90	11.3
Camby, POR	6	16	44	60	10.0
Duncan, SAN	10	30	69	99	9.9
Horford, ATL	11	28	71	99	9.0
Wallace, CHA	4	2	34	36	9.0
Jos. Smith, ATL	11	37	62	99	9.0
Bynum, LAL	10	27	62	89	8.9

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Rondo, BOS	10	110	11.0
Williams, UTA	10	102	10.2
Nash, PHX	10	90	9.0
James, CLE	10	74	7.4
Rose, CHI	5	36	7.2
Kidd, DAL	6	42	7.0
Wade, MIA	5	34	6.8
Billups, DEN	6	38	6.3
Westbrook, OKC	6	36	6.0
Ginobili, SAN	10	60	6.0

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	24	10	.706	—
New York	22	11	.667	1 1/2
Toronto	20	16	.556	5
Boston	18	17	.514	6 1/2
Baltimore	10	24	.294	14

Central Division

Minnesota	22	12	.647	—
Detroit	19	15	.559	3
Cleveland	13	18	.419	7 1/2
Chicago	14	20	.412	8
Kansas City	11	23	.324	11

West Division

Texas	19	15	.559	—
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Oakland	18	16	.529	1
Los Angeles	15	21	.417	5
Seattle	13	20	.394	5 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Philadelphia	20	13	.606	—
Washington	19	15	.559	1 1/2
New York	18	16	.529	2 1/2
Atlanta	16	18	.471	4 1/2
Florida	16	18	.471	4 1/2

Central Division

St. Louis	20	14	.588	—
Cincinnati	19	15	.559	1
Milwaukee	15	19	.441	5
Chicago	15	20	.429	5 1/2
Pittsburgh	14	20	.412	6
Houston	12	21	.364	7 1/2

West Division

San Diego	21	12	.636	—
San Francisco	18	14	.563	2 1/2
Los Angeles	17	17	.500	4 1/2
Colorado	16	17	.485	5
Arizona	14	21	.400	8

Yesterday's Games

Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 0
Atlanta 9, Milwaukee 2
Washington 6, N.Y. Mets 4
Chicago Cubs 4, Florida 3
Colorado 4, Philadelphia 3, 10 innings
Houston 9, St. Louis 6
L.A. Dodgers 6, Arizona 3
San Diego 5, San Francisco 2
Detroit 2, N.Y. Yankees 1st game
N.Y. Yankees 8, Detroit 2nd game
Minnesota 3, Chicago White Sox 2
Toronto 3, Boston 2
Baltimore 5, Seattle 2
Tampa Bay 4, L.A. Angels 3
Texas 10, Oakland 1
Cleveland 4, Kansas City 0

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LOCAL SCORES

BUDWEISER SOFTBALL

STANDINGS

Natibu	17	1
Island Rebels	16	2
Man Amigos	16	3
SaiPal	14	4
Chura	14	4
Ur Balls	13	6
X-Terminators	12	8
San Roque	12	6
Hitz	12	7
Freedom Air Flyers	10	9
Calikano-Falcons	10	9
6-Pack	9	10
Berdax	8	9
Go For Broke	8	12
Blazers	6	13
Red Eye	4	15
G-Ballers	6	14
Lancheros	3	15
Ramblers	3	15
Team Familia	2	16
Team Fuego	1	18

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

STANDINGS

Green Team	4	0
Team 1	3	1
Bon Faiyah	1	2
Basket Case	2	1
Lady Eagles	0	3
Team5	0	3

SANK

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they aren't always texting the score but they are texting aplenty. Far more than I had realized and probably you too.

The surging of high school sports on Saipan is a feel good story at what is the feel good time of the year, spring. Something about spring that reawakens the

spirit, re-energizes the nerves, and recharges the heart. But I don't think that the flourishing of inter-scholastic sports is the cause of my annual euphoria.

My teachers may have taught me spelling but I don't remember them explaining why I, and many others, always feel better in the spring. I finally found out a scientific explanation. It's the increased dose of sunshine. And on Saipan, we've had oodles of

it lately.

Sunlight alters the balance of hormones. Changes in humidity and barometric pressure lead to changes in blood flow and the amount of oxygen reaching the brain. When sunlight strikes our skin, it releases a dormant type of vitamin D into the endocrine system of the thyroid, adrenal, and pituitary glands, triggering the release of the hormones epinephrine which speeds up the

transformation of glycogen into glucose, or sugar, within the liver. Within minutes of these changes, the body and brain is in high gear and you feel good. Go ahead, text that to your friends.

So in a nutshell, the more sun we have, the better we feel, naturally. So there's another reason to enjoy living on Saipan.

Oh yeah, and Trench Warz is coming up next week. It's better than wars.

'Korea vs Marianas' in Trench Warz 12

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Three Korean Top Team fighters will be featured as the triple main event for Trench Warz 12: Battle Brawl which takes place on May 21 at the Saipan World Resort's Taga Hall Ballroom.

Fighting in the 145-lb. weight division, Trench Tech's most experienced fighter in the aforementioned weight class, Giovanni "Palaxi" Sablan, will go toe to toe with returning Korean Top Team Pro fighter Young Nam "The HIPPO" Gu.

Sablan holds a 15-4 win-loss mixed martial arts record and will appear as part one of the triple main events in the "Korea vs. The Marianas" bouts for the evening.

Gu last entered the cage here on Feb. 12, 2010 for Rites of Passage 8: Fearless where he lost by unanimous decision to Trench Tech's 145-lb. Chris "No Luv" Laayug. This time, vowing to show his true form and fighting level against Palaxi, Gu promised a victory by submission or KO.

Also accompanying Gu will be his fellow Korean Top Team mates Ahn Sang Il and Yang Dong Yi.

In a 170-lb. bout, Ahn Sang will battle Guam's undefeated welterweight, Rob "The Beast" Washington, who holds a perfect 6-0 win-loss slate so far in his mixed martial arts career.

Finally in the 190-lb. division, Yi will be pitted against Saipan's tough stand-up brawler and infamous giant killer, "Kill" Bill Saures from Team XXTREEM.

TW-12 will start off with a special, K-1 kickboxing match between Trench Tech's young gun Shane "Pikaboo"



Gu



Sablan

Alvarez going against Team Zalaka's Lyle Deleon Guerrero followed by eight additional MMA undercard bouts that will feature fighters from Tinian, Guam, and Saipan.

Starting with the 130-lb. division, Team Zalaka's Roger Mai will kick off the undercard bouts against Team Haga T's Jordan "Jungle Boy" Ogo.

Then in the 135-lb. division, Team Predator Combat's "Tabi" Jay Muna will face Jun "Shockeraba" San Nicolas from Team Spike 22 Guam.

Two 145-lb. bouts are then scheduled on the card.

Craig "Earthquake" Borja from Team Zengzung Tinian will clash with Team Haga T's, C.J. "Face" Takai and then Derrick "El Pelegro" Rangamar from Marianas Elite will take on Jon "The Heat" Delos Reyes from Team Countershot Guam.

A 140-lb. brawl is then sched-

uled between Marianas Elite's Martin "Spartan" Ayuyu and Josh "The Hedgehog" Alvarez from Team Countershot Guam.

Ben Duenas from Team Zalaka is scheduled to fight Spike 22 Guam's Mikey Taitano in a 165-lb. division bout and then Styx Castro from Team Predator will go toe to toe with Dino Fiyo Mettao from Team XXTREEM in a 175-

lb. match.

The last undercard fight will be a 140-lb bout featuring Trench Tech's own Alverick "Pretty Boy" Alvarez; the opponent is still yet to be determined.

General admission tickets cost \$25 with VIP passes marked at \$40.

Tickets are on sale now at all Trench Warz outlets—Boardline, The 670 Rocksteady Shop, Hannam Market, Mobil Kagman, and the Trench Tech Gym.

TRENCH TECH

Green Team nears sweep of women's league

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Green Team won the battle of undefeated squads in the 2010 Marianas Variety Women's Basketball League after outclassing Team 1, 71-66, on Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Green Team notched its fourth win in a row and is a victory away from sweeping the round-robin regular season. Green Team's last game is against Basket Case. Team 1 dropped to a 3-1 mark and for the second straight game was without captain Lia Rangamar, who had to attend to other commitments.

Melody Matson and Andrea Engelhardt led Green Team's win, firing 25 and 23 points, respectively. Melody's sister, Emily, and Andrea's sibling, Christina, also finished in double figures. Emily chipped in 11, while Christina contributed 10.

Green Team played better in the second half to overhaul a five-point deficit at the break, 31-36. Melody logged 14 markers in the second half, Andrea tallied 10, Emily made nine, and Christina posted five to hand Team 1 its first loss.

Team 1 led by as much as eight in the first period, 10-18, behind Roxanne Duenas' eight markers and kept the driver's seat in the second quarter, as Jamie Mendoza and Lena Guzman stepped up, too in the absence of Rangamar.

However, Team 1 could not stop the



Green Team's Melody Matson, seen here eluding the defense of Team 5 during their game on Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, scored 25 points against Team 1 on Wednesday.

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Matsons and Engelhardts from producing the needed baskets for Green Team in the second half and lost the upper hand and the match.

In the first game, Basket Case nailed its second straight win after a 62-55 triumph over Bon-Faiyah.

Basket Case, which downed the Lady Eagles last Friday, 81-33, after losing its debut against Team 1, drew a big game from Mercedes Mesa. Mesa recorded 22 points, making 18 of them in the second half when Basket Case widened a bit its gap from Bon-Faiyah.

Basket Case was in front by only two at the half, 28-26, but the lead went up to nine at the end of the third period, 40-49, with Mesa exploding for 13 points.

Mesa and company hung on to the lead in the fourth, handing Bon-Faiyah back-to-back losses in three games.

First Game

Basket Case 62 – Mesa 22, I. Palero 16, Overson 8, Palero 4, Bennett 2, Castillo 2.

Bon-Faiyah 55 – Diaz 20, Camacho 18, Mizutani 9, Bennett 6.

Scoring by quarters: 16-10, 28-26, 49-40, 62-55.

Second Game

Green Team 71 – M. Matson 25, A. Engelhardt 23, E. Matson 11, C. Engelhardt 10, Ekmar 2.

Team 1 66 – Duenas 25, Mendoza 16, Guzman 15, Williams 8, Babauta 2.

Scoring by quarters: 10-18, 31-36, 50-49, 71-66.



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Nolan Cultura, 2010 USS Peleliu Club Mother's Day 8-Ball Tournament champion, is flanked by runners-up Mark Butac, left, and Marc Brian Nelvis after the competition Sunday.

Cultura wins Mother's Day 8-ball championship



Nolan Cultura grabbed the first place trophy and pocketed \$100 in USS Peleliu Club's Mother's Day 8-Ball

Tournament held last Sunday at the Garapan sports and watering hole.

Free qualifying tournaments were held to select the 16-player field. Marc Brian Nelvis won the second place trophy and \$50, with Mark Butac finishing third and also receiving a trophy from Pacific Amusement. All players received raffle prizes, including long-stem roses for their favorite mothers in addition to the trophies for winning qualifying tournaments.

Cultura shot past Larry Briones, Butac, Simeon Kapileo, and Nelvis to top the winner's bracket. Butac had sent Erina Olkeriil to the loser's bracket, while Kapileo defeated Ron Chisato and Mei Rengiil.

Nelvis took tough games from Patrick Cepeda, Juancho Mendoza, and Chester Cuento before falling to Cultura. Mendoza had topped Edward Suzuzi, while Cuento got past Taylor Watanabe and John Mongami before falling to Nelvis.

Suzuki gave Cepeda his second loss. Bernard Kileleman eliminated

Watanabe, but fell to Mei Rengiil. Briones eliminated Olkeriil, then lost to Mendoza.

Rick Rengiil roared back through the loser's bracket with wins over Chisato, Mongami, Mendoza, and Kapileo. Butac was also hot in his half of the bracket, beating Suzuki, Mei Rengiil, and Cuento before finishing off Rick Rengiil courtesy of a ball-in-hand late in the game.

Nelvis stopped Butac to head the loser's bracket, then took the rematch from Cultura. Cultura won the first game and the championship.

"The players seem to like this format, so we're jumping right into qualifying tournaments for a Father's Day showdown starting this Thursday," said Ken Phillips of USSP. "We're looking at 11 winners of Thursday and Sunday tournaments, along with the five players with the most points for finishing in second, third, and fourth place."

There is no entry fee. Sign-up begins at 7:30pm. All games are double-elimination, following Billiard Congress of America rules.

For more information, contact USSP owners Rose or Ken Phillips at 233-1984. (USSP)

San Roque boosts playoff bid

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San Roque strengthened its chances for a playoff spot in Chamolinian Softball Association's 2009 Budweiser Slow-pitch Softball League after slipping past Freedom Air, 12-11, on Wednesday at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Left fielder Chad Atalig and second baseman Jeff Tenorio delivered the crucial hits for San Roque to improve the team's standings to 12-6 for eighth place. Only the Top 10 teams will advance to the playoffs and San Roque and five other squads are still fighting for the last three seats.

San Roque was behind after eight complete innings, 9-11, before a one-run double from Tenorio moved the team within one, 10-11. With two outs and Tenorio on third, Atalig belted a homer and brought the former home to put San Roque in the lead, 12-11. Larry Guerrero batted sixth and flied out to center field to end the top of the seventh inning.

The score remained at the bottom of the last inning when Freedom only reached first base after four batters. Freedom Air dropped to a 10-9 slate and must win its last game to have a chance for a playoff ticket.

Hitz 15, Team Familia 2

In the first game, Hitz also boosted its playoff bid after an easy win over Team Familia, 15-2.

Hitz now has a 12-7 mark for ninth place, while Team Familia fell to a 1-18 mark and is already out of contention for a playoff seat.

A strong start was all Hitz needed to cruise to victory. It scored eight runs at the bottom of the first against none from Team Familia and Hitz never looked back.

Frank Ilo led Hitz with his 4-for-4 performance at bat, three runs, and one RBI. Fonzie Tarope was 2-for-2 and made one run and three RBIs.

G-Ballers 11, Lancheros 3

In the second game, G-Ballers shut out Lancheros in the first four innings to nail an 11-3 victory.

G-Ballers improved to a 6-14 record, while Lancheros dropped to a 3-15 slate. Both teams are already eliminated.

With Lancheros failing to reach home plate in the first four innings, G-Ballers managed to take a 5-0 lead. Lancheros scored three runs in the next two innings, but could not catch up in the end, as after a single from Tony Reyes in the last inning, they went 1-2-3 to hand G-Ballers the win.

Fielders stay alive, dominate Brewers

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With a one-run lead after seven innings, the visiting Fielders opened up a cold six-pack on the Brewers in the eighth to stamp an exclamation point on their first win in the 2010 Saipan Major League championship series Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The second seed entering the playoffs now trail the Brewers 2-1 in the best-of-five series after completing the 13-6 win against the Brew Crew.

The Fielders got right to work and put up three runs in the top of the first.

John Reyes drew a one out walk and Eli Aughenbaugh moved him to third with a double.

Then Shane Mendiola brought him in with a sacrifice fly to center.

Jason Reyes came up next and busted a two-run homer before the Brewers could close out the inning.

After the Brewers did not answer in the bottom half and the Fielders went 1-2-3 to start the second, the Brewers got a run back from Dave Kapileo who scored off a hit and two errors in the bottom of the second inning.

The Fielders came up empty in the top of the third, but Brewers then came alive with a big five-run inning in the bottom half.

Ron Benavente led off with a walk and moved to second off a Byron Kai-pat single.

Manny Sablan then reached off an error to load the bases.

Benavente scored off a passed ball before Jess Mesa singled in Kaipat.

A fly out and a strikeout later, Vince Cepeda came through with a big two RBI single for the lead.

Cepeda then stole second and was driven in by Toi Celis to make the score 6-3, Brewers after three.

The bats cooled down for both teams in the fourth and to start the fifth, the Fielders' top of the order really needed to get something started to stay alive in this title series.

Juan Maratita led off and reached off an error. John Reyes then moved him to second with a walk.

After the walk, the Brewers called Vince Cepeda to the mound in relief for starter Ed Santos.

An out later, Mendiola brought both runners in with a big two RBI single before scoring himself a couple of errors later.

In the bottom half, the Brewers led off with a promising double, but left their runner stranded.

In the sixth, with the score at 6-6, both teams went 1-2-3, but the Fielders took a one-run lead in the top of the seventh; John Reyes led off with a

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Fielders' John Reyes, left, and Shane Mendiola were the top performers in the team's 13-6 win over the Brewers Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield that extended the 2010 Saipan Major League best-of-five championship to a fourth game.

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Micro Games deadline: June 30

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"Tia de Preril" Delegates to the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau have until June 30

to register for the quadrennial event that will run from Aug. 1 to 10.

"The registration ends on June 30 and if

by then, you failed to complete the requirements, I am sorry, you can't go," Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association president Michael White said during the association's monthly meeting last Thursday at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Some of the teams/sports associations are



White

still working on to meet the Games' requirements, particularly payments for the cost of the trip. Each delegate (athlete/official coach) is asked to pay only \$700 for the airfare and per diem, as NMASA is shouldering \$250 of the total amount (\$950).

NMASA also implemented a payment scheme to help each association pay the cost for the trip. Sports associations are allowed to make four installment payments (\$175), starting in February and the payment is due at the end of this month.

However, NMASA is giving consideration to other sports associations, particularly those sending big delegations to Palau—baseball, canoe, athletics, and basketball.

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PIC, Aqua Resort oust opponents

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Pacific Islands Club and AquaResortClub marched on to the next round of the 2nd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League after recording separate wins at the start of the playoffs on Wednesday night at the JP Center Basketball Court.

Aqua Resort played in the curtain-raiser and walked away with a 91-82 victory, while PIC eked out a come-from-behind 88-85 triumph

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Pacific Islands Club's Butch Sublemente goes up for a shot against TBK Auto Care's Raymark Castro during their playoff game in the Shirley's caging on Wednesday at the JP Center Basketball Court.

Sank yu berry mooch

Somewhere along the line boys became boyz and there became der. Not sure when that happened but it was fairly recent. Or is it resent? English teachers must be rolling in their graves. All their effort to teach spelling rules went for nuttin.

And then for those who insist on being spellingly correct, well, computerized spell check is the cricket's chirp.

Texting is the foe of correct spelling, and grammar too. Not that

it's bad in the real world. The point is not to follow classroom rules but to communicate efficiently effective. Dylan's right again: the times they are a changin'.

In a new survey of teen girls who owned cell phones, the average number of texts sent was 80 per day. OMG! Among boys, it was 30 per day. After reading that statistic, I started looking at the prevalence of texting among teens at various venues on Saipan.

Thanks to MISO, which has done an excellent job promoting high school sports, I've had ample opportunity this week to observe students' social behavior while they are watching games. I know

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OFF THE BENCH

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